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## Graduation 2003

Rethinking Women's Health  
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Coming Home for Reunion

# *Bear Barnard in Mind*

*M*oving from the 13th to the 21st century in mere minutes is no problem for Joan Ferrante '58. A stalwart activist for human rights and a Medievalist, Joan is a professor of medieval literature at Columbia University and the author of six books in her field.

Joan says, "Education has always been very important to my family. I received an inheritance from my mother, and I decided to make a charitable gift annuity in memory of my parents.



*Joan M. Ferrante '58*

"I'm grateful to Barnard for letting me do what I felt I needed to do, and I'm proud of Barnard's long tradition of training women for careers and professions. My gift will ultimately provide scholarship support for future Barnard students."

Joan is pleased that she is able to help Barnard, realize tax savings, and gain income for herself, while remembering her parents in this lasting and meaningful way—all with one gift.

Joan's mother-in-law, the late Millicent McIntosh, Barnard's fourth dean and first president, would no doubt approve.

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## LETTERS

### Renewable Energy and Barnard's Master Plan

I was disappointed to see that renewable energy and sustainable design weren't driving elements of the design process for Barnard's master plan.

New York is quickly becoming known as a pioneer in renewable energy and sustainable design. There are many leading examples within the state: Long Island University uses wind energy on its campus and Cornell University has cut its electricity use by 8.7 percent by using Lake Source Cooling.

Barnard can no longer just teach the merits of environmental science within the confines of the classroom; it must become a leader in practice.

*Soozan Baxter '97*

*Syracuse, N.Y.*

*The author works for DestiNY USA, a mall under construction that will use 100 percent renewable energy.*

**Editor's reply:** Andrew Manshel, Barnard's vice president for finance and administration, says that while issues of sustainability weren't directly a part of the master planning process, they're an important criteria in the selection of an architect for the Nexus project. "Barnard is consulting with Stephanie Pfirman, one of our professors of environmental science, in our implementation of the master plan, and we've

brought in an outside expert on green buildings to advise us as we move forward," he says. The outside expert told Manshel that Barnard is one of the most efficient users of energy among small colleges that he has studied. "This is a result both of our compact urban campus (as compared to the extensive physical plants of most other colleges), and continuing efforts by the College, under the leadership of President Shapiro, to upgrade and enhance the efficiency of its energy, heating and cooling systems," Manshel says.

### CORRECTIONS

The article about the Holocaust in the Spring 2003 issue should have stated that both parents of Dorothy Urman Denburg '70 were Holocaust survivors. The article about student agencies in the same issue misstated the name of an individual who used the Barnard Babysitting Service. It is Lindsay Van Gelder, not Lindsay Van Gelder. We regret the errors.

### BARNARD TRIVIA

Which famous Barnard professor was the first female lecturer appointed by Columbia? (At the time the University was responsible for hiring Barnard faculty.)

*Answer: Emily Gregory, botanist. Today, the McIntosh Activities Council awards the top faculty member, as selected by students, with the annual Emily Gregory Award. A profile on this year's winner, Rayita Sethi, will appear in the next issue.*

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# Science, Health, and Barnard: Great Chemistry

**T**his issue of the magazine reports on our hugely successful summit on women and health. The summit's focus was a perfect one for us, because our curriculum and extracurricular programs ensure that all Barnard students

develop an intellectual curiosity about the natural world, a sophisticated insight into the processes of scientific experimentation, and a rational and well-informed approach to issues of personal health and fitness.

Every student here—whatever her major—masters the basic methods of analyzing and synthesizing the sources of scientific information by completing at least one year of laboratory science in the same field (two lectures and two labs). And thanks to the tutelage of exceptional teacher-scholars in every scientific discipline, from physics to neuroscience, Barnard

**The Well-Woman program celebrated its 10th anniversary in the past academic year.**

women graduate as scientifically literate citizens with advanced problem-solving skills who have an understanding of the limitations of existing scientific theories and the ability to ask strategic questions about issues, both scientific and non-scientific.

Science majors assist their professors in groundbreaking research, complete their own research projects, take graduate-level courses at Columbia, and pursue internships at major research institutions. A recent graduate, psychology major Ani Aydin '01, did her undergraduate research in circadian rhythms, working with Rae Silver, Helene L. and Mark N. Kaplan Professor of Natural and Physical Sciences. Ani now works at the Hospital for Special Surgery, where she explores tissue injury caused by lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. She

will attend medical school this fall, and credits her confidence in the lab to her undergraduate work with Professor Silver.

Vinnie Kathpalia '03, who will also begin medical school in the next few weeks, majored in neuroscience and behavior, and continually took advantage of Barnard's New York location. During her sophomore year, after reading that scientists at Mount Sinai School of Medicine were researching amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or "Lou Gehrig's disease"), she volunteered to help and was immediately enlisted to collect data on the curative effects of an anti-inflammatory drug. The following summer, she worked in a neuroscience lab at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and, as a result, will be named as a contributor on a published paper about cellular communication in a brain deprived of oxygen.

Between her junior and senior years, Vinnie benefited from a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant subsidizing the research that Barnard students pursue with faculty members. That summer, she worked with Shao-Ying Hua, assistant professor of biological sciences, in exploring the effects of calcium on synaptic delay in crayfish, then continued that research throughout her senior year and made it the subject of her senior thesis. The findings may eventually lead to a greater understanding of calcium's role in communication in the human brain.



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# THROUGH THE GATES

## It's the Golden Age of Barnard

*Writer and longtime trustee Anna Quindlen '74 takes the reins as board chair*

**B**arnard is experiencing "a golden age" with a first-rate student body, exceptional faculty, and supportive alumnae, says Anna Quindlen '74, who was recently elected chair of the board of trustees. Quindlen, who has been on the board for nearly 20 years, succeeds Gayle Robinson '75, chair since 1998. Robinson will become trustee emerita.

"Our faculty members, to my mind, are second to none in scholarship, yet they manage to maintain really extraordinary student contact—very personal, warm, and unwavering," Quindlen adds.

But this is no time to be complacent, says the Pulitzer Prize winner, acclaimed novelist, and *Newsweek* columnist. "We have to keep telling our story to high school students, particularly those from parts of the country that are underrepresented at Barnard," she says. The campus needs to be maintained so that it's competitive with other excellent liberal arts colleges, and the faculty needs competitive salaries and housing.

**"You meet these students and you want to walk through fire for them, because they're going to rule the world!"**

The board's biggest challenge, Quindlen says, is to find the money to do these things while keeping a need-blind policy in place to admit young women regardless of their ability to pay tuition.

She hopes fellow alumnae will join her effort to raise the College's profile. "I'd like it if every Barnard woman in a position of power and influence would

identify herself with the College when she delivers a speech or gives an interview," she says. "For example, I do a lot of speaking across the country and I always carry my text in a blue Barnard folder. It's just a small thing, but I do get asked about it, and I consider every question a small victory."

Quindlen, who received Barnard's Distinguished Alumna Award in 1994, says that Barnard professors including Annette Kar Baxter '47, Joy Chute, and Catharine R. Stimpson, "communicated this sense that we were competent, naturally, and superlative, undeniably. I learned a great deal about English literature, modern political movements, and the history of women in America. But more than anything, I absorbed a sense of confidence and competence that has made all the difference in my professional life," she says.

"We have to keep our alums current on the state of the college and bring them back to campus as frequently as possible, particularly when classes are in session," she says. "Let me tell you, you meet these students and you want to walk through fire for them, because they're going to rule the world!"



*"Barnard made me who I am today," says Anna Quindlen '74, the new chair of the board of trustees.*

"The recent Torchbearers reception I attended, at which those who've endowed scholarships, fellowships, or internships meet the student who received the grant, was among the most thrilling evenings of my recent life," she says. "One of the student speakers referred to Barnard as a 'utopia.' It doesn't get any better than that."

Videos of the students' speeches from the Torchbearers Reception and the Annual Awards Dinner are on Barnard's Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum/events/recentevents/0503students.html](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/events/recentevents/0503students.html) —Amy Debra Feldman



## FACULTY FOCUS

# More Time for Math, Music, and Mencius

*Retiring faculty members Ammirato, Bloom, and Friedberg look back and plan ahead*

**T**hese professors retired in 2002-03, all after many years of brilliant service to their disciplines, their students, their colleagues, and the College:

**Philip V. Ammirato**, professor of biological sciences, quickly became a favorite of science majors and non-science majors alike when he began teaching at Barnard in 1974. He is a recipient of the Emily Gregory Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Commendation for Excellence in Teaching Award, and thanks to him, many students who arrived with little knowledge of biology graduated as experienced researchers committed to a life in the sciences.

Ammirato taught introductory biology throughout his Barnard career. He developed a popular beginning course, "Revolutionary Concepts in Biology," where he introduced students to the complexities of biochemistry by creating a lemon meringue pie during his lecture, to examine the behavior of proteins whipped into a froth and carbohydrates melted into a curd.

He also taught advanced courses in his own field, plant physiology. In the Arthur Ross Greenhouse, a facility he played a key role in designing, he has done research in the canola plant's embryonic cellular structure, development, and oil production. His research will continue, and he will still teach part of a course on science and public policy. Ammirato will also pursue an interest in the piano. A baby grand, a gift from his parents, has decorated his living room for 23 years, but there was never time to learn to play. He looks forward to finally taking lessons, and to other musical pleasures.

"Now, when I go to the opera, I won't have to grade exams during intermission," he laughs.

**Irene T. Bloom**, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, began teaching full-time at Barnard in 1988.

A scholar in the fields of Chinese philosophy and human rights, and the co-founder of Barnard's human rights program, she was an inspiration to students who began their Barnard studies with one of her first-year seminars, "The Nature of Human Nature," "Ancient Cultures/Timeless Questions,"



or "Human Rights and Cultural Diversity." Her gentle, generous guidance in the study of the great books of Asian literature and philosophy won immense praise from students in her "Colloquium on Major East Asian Texts." Among her other popular courses were one on Chinese political thought and the colloquium "Human Rights in India and China." Always, as she shared her knowledge and wisdom, she also shared tea, fruit and other treats with her grateful students.

Of Barnard, Bloom says she valued the "the open atmosphere that encourages the sharing of ideas and ideals, the exchange that is a vital part of a liberal education."

The author and editor of numer-

ous works on Asian philosophies, religions and literature, Bloom is now busy at work on two books: *Sources of Neo-Confucianism*, and a translation of the *Mencius*, the writings of a fourth-century-B.C. Confucian political theorist who believed that it was a leader's duty to ensure peace for his people.

**Richard M. Friedberg**, professor of physics, came to Barnard in 1968. He had won early renown as a Harvard undergraduate for solving Post's Problem, a famous problem in mathematical logic. "I solved what you might call a major problem in a minor field," he says of an achievement that merited coverage in *Time* and invitations to lecture at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J.

His interest in mathematics has motivated his research in statistical mechanics, quantum theory, and relativity. "What interests me most are mathematical problems within physics," he explains.

At Barnard, he taught courses ranging from introductory-level elementary physics to upper-level quantum mechanics, and statistical thermodynamics.

"Barnard students really stand out in their desire to learn," he says. And Friedberg stood out as a teacher: every Thursday, starting at 7 p.m., he ran a physics helproom, spending hours fielding questions from undergraduates and graduate students.

An accomplished pianist, he has often graced the Barnard community with classical recitals. Looking ahead, he plans to pursue both his music and new areas of physics research. "And catch up on mathematics," he says joyfully.

—Anne Schutzbeger

# DO I LOOK FAT IN THIS? THE BATTLE OVER BODY IMAGE

Actor Julia Roberts' head is superimposed on a body double for a movie poster because her real body isn't the Hollywood ideal of perfection, it's not surprising that women of all ages may find it difficult to feel like a "pretty woman." An outpouring of opinions on female body image formed the illuminating and lively panel, "Do I Look Fat in This? The Battle Over Body Image," held at Barnard as part of Reunion 2003.

Moderator Mary Witherell '83, managing editor of *Ladies' Home Journal*, navigated a discussion that tackled ways body ideals have changed over the years, origins of negative self-image, and suggestions to improve the situation for future generations. Panelist April Lane Benson '73, a psychologist and co-founder of the Center for the Study of Anorexia and Bulimia, dispensed alarming statistics, including the impact of exporting negative imagery abroad. "Women across the world



are starving themselves. Bulimia was practically unheard of in Fiji, but following three years of exposure to Western television, bulimia became much more prevalent there," said Benson.

Benson was joined by Eileen Otte Ford '43, co-founder of Ford Models, Inc.; Cathy Horyn '78, fashion critic for *The New York*

*Times*; and Atoosa Rubenstein '93, former editor-in-chief of the teen magazine, *CosmoGIRL!*, and the newly named editor-in-chief of *Seventeen*. Together, they explored the ways that body image is reflected and transmitted through the fashion industry, media, and popular culture. "Girls today are so confident," noted Rubenstein, on teenagers' changed attitudes. "We should recognize them for their achievements," she said, emphasizing qualities beyond their appearance.

Barnard's efforts to instill positive body image in young women include "A Celebration of Body Confidence," a panel on campus in April co-sponsored by Barnard's Well-Woman program and *Glamour*. Created 10 years ago by Giselle Harrington, M.Ed., associate director of health services and director of the program, Well-Woman trains undergraduates to be peer educators on women's health issues.

—Lori Segal

## What's Next for the Nexus

*Three architects invited to envision Barnard's new building*

Three award-winning architecture firms have been invited to submit design proposals for the Nexus, the new six-story, multipurpose building that is the cornerstone of the College's master plan to transform the campus over the next decade. The finalists—Machado and Silvetti Associates, Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, and Weiss/Manfredi Architects—were selected from more than 20 candidates by a committee of trustees, administrators, faculty, alumnae, and students.

Fundraising for the building, estimated to cost \$45 million, is being spearheaded by Barnard trustees Jolyne Caruso-FitzGerald '81, Cheryl Glicker Milstein '82, and Myra Cohen Monfort '60. Their gifts and those from trustee Patricia Harrigan Nadosy '68 and William Golden, trustee emeritus, total

nearly \$9 million. The College plans to finance the Nexus through a combination of borrowing and gifts from donors.

Boston-based Machado and Silvetti Associates designed the Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Park in Battery Park City. The firm's buildings for college campuses include residence halls at Princeton and Rice Universities and graduate student housing at Harvard University. In 1991, the American Academy of Arts and Letters honored Machado and Silvetti with the First Award in Architecture, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in urban design.

Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, based in Atlanta, has won numerous American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards for its buildings, which range from libraries to art galleries to private residences. The firm's past

projects include dormitories at Tulane and Emory Universities, the Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture at Ohio State University, and the John J. Ross-William C. Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University. The Wang Campus Center at Wellesley College, which is currently under construction, was also designed by the firm.

Weiss/Manfredi Architects won the AIA New York 2002 Design Award for its innovative new-media library at P.S. 42 in Queens. The firm also designed the Women's Memorial and Education Center at Arlington National Cemetery. Weiss/Manfredi projects for educational institutions include Smith College's campus center, which is nearing completion, Trinity College's performing arts center, and renovations to Columbia Business School.

The finalists will present proposals to the architect-selection committee in August, and the winning design will be announced in September.

—Amy E. Hughes



# Looking Regal in Blue, Graduates Bid Barnard Adieu

**T**he media and the military must debate whether embedding journalists with combat troops in Iraq compromised the media's ability to report objectively or strained the military's performance, said Judith Miller '69, a senior writer and investigative reporter for *The New York Times*, during her address at the College's 110th Commencement on May 20.

"We all need to decide whether the country's interests were best served by this arrangement," said Miller, who was embedded as a journalist with the 75th Exploitation Task Force, the military unit searching for weapons of mass destruction. Miller shared the Pulitzer Prize in 2001 with a team of colleagues from *The Times* for a series of articles on Al Qaeda.

During the ceremony, President Judith Shapiro presented the Barnard



*Caps and gowns were the attire of choice for Barnard's newest 568 alumnae at Commencement in May. The most popular majors? Psychology, economics, and English, respectively.*

Medal of Distinction to Miller and to two other accomplished women: cancer researcher Susan Band Horwitz of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and

Martha Nussbaum, a writer, philosopher, and ethicist who teaches at the University of Chicago. Other luminaries who have received the Barnard Medal of Distinction include Madeleine K. Albright, Walter Cronkite, Mario M. Cuomo, and Marian Wright Edelman.

Shapiro reminded the graduates that although they are living in perilous and uncertain times, "there is no viable or appealing alternative to optimism."

Barnard's newest 568 alumnae studied a variety of fields, including architecture, environmental studies, neuroscience, and theater. The most popular were psychology, economics, and English, respectively. At the ceremony, Laila Shetty (profiled on page 28) received the Frank Gilbert Bryson Prize, for her dedication to Barnard, as voted by her fellow students.

## *Voices in the News*

**"If someone says, 'I just killed my mother,' you don't say, 'Really? ... And I hear you like to cook.'"**

**—Joan Rivers '54, on conducting a good interview  
(Bay City Times, May 6, 2003).**

**"The thing I use most often is analyzing a text. As an English major, it was helpful to have experience in reading things analytically. Part of being an actor is using [one's] imagination. Through literature, you learn about the history of a different time, which exercises your imagination."**

**—Lauren Graham '88, star of The WB's "Gilmore Girls,"  
on the valuable lessons she learned at Barnard  
(College Bound Magazine, Spring 2003).**

# Author Erica Jong '63 Reflects on Sexuality and Storytelling

*The writer who unleashed Fear of Flying leads a Barnard class discussion*

**A**lthough her literary reputation was growing after her book of poetry, *Fruits & Vegetables*, was published in 1971, Erica Jong '63 didn't believe anyone would publish *Fear of Flying*, her novel about a woman's unconventional odyssey. "I didn't care. I just needed to get it out," she told a class of Barnard students in April. "I wanted to write what goes on in a woman's mind and fantasies, to lay bare her interior mind."

Today, 30 years after *Fear of Flying* was published, there are more than 15 million copies of it in print in 31 languages. Jong is amazed that women around the world continue to resonate with its main character, Isadora—particularly young women taking "Sexualities and Storytelling," a comparative literature course taught by Rachel Mesch, a lecturer in the French department.

Students in the class read books including *Lolita*, *Madame Bovary*, and *Wuthering Heights* as they explore how desire and sexual identity determine narrative structure and influence the kinds of stories that are told. Mesch—whose



*Women's sexuality is still considered a sullied subject, author Erica Jong '63 told students during a class discussion of her novel, Fear of Flying.*

mother, Caryl Weinstein Mesch '64, graduated from Barnard a year after Jong—invited Jong to speak to the class.

What's changed in women's literature since *Fear of Flying* came out? "Many women today are writing about the female body," Jong told the students sit-

ting around the table from her in Barnard Hall. "But when *Fear of Flying* came out, it caused a firestorm. Critics and some readers acted as if I'd discovered a new and dangerous planet. Now there's a whole sub-genre of books deriving from *Fear of Flying*."

Jong—who read excerpts from her most recent novel, *Sappho's Leap* (W. W. Norton & Co., 2003), at Reunion 2003—is conscious that women writing about "chick issues get relegated to the popular culture ghetto." Often their work isn't taken seriously and consequently, women's sexuality is still considered a sullied subject. "How do you write about the body and make it beautiful and clean? That's the challenge I face with every book I write," she said.

Jong encouraged the students to be the writers who show females as intellectual, feminine, and maternal. "You're the next storytellers," she said.

—Jo Kadlecsek

## FIVE TRUSTEES JOIN BARNARD'S BOARD

Barnard's board of trustees recently elected four trustees: Linda Fayne Levinson '62, a partner of GRP Partners, a private equity investment company in Los Angeles; William Rogers Reid, a partner with Chartwell Investments, a private equity firm based in New York, and son of Mary Louise Stewart Reid '46, trustee emerita of Barnard; Frederic V. Salerno, former vice chairman and chief financial officer of Verizon Communications, Inc.; and Diana Touliatou Vagelos '55, who served on the board as alumnae trustee from 1991 until 1995. Vagelos, an overseer at the University of Pennsylvania Museum and a director of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, recently made a gift to the College with her husband, P. Roy Vagelos, to renovate the historic Deanery and transform it into the Vagelos Alumnae Center. Levinson, Reid, and Vagelos began their terms in June; Salerno will take office in January.

Separately, the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC) in May elected Janet Williams Helman '56 alumnae trustee. Helman, a former AABC director-at-large, is a docent and researcher at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. —ADF



# Stop by for Breakfast—at Midnight

*New student traditions include a pre-finals food fest*

**A**s an anthropologist-cum-college president, Judith Shapiro says she supports new Barnard traditions—particularly Midnight Breakfast, where she serves food to caffeine-crazed students at midnight the Thursday before final exams.

"I started in French toast and have worked my way up to eggs," she says, serving spoon in hand. The free feast in Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium, where food is served by administrators, "creates a warm relationship between the students and the administration," President Shapiro says. After all, she adds, almost as an afterthought, "What is more nurturing than serving food?"

Five years after McIntosh Activities Council (McAC) first introduced Midnight Breakfast, "it's the one event where no publicity is necessary," says

Deena Fox '03, chair of the McAC special events committee.

Other traditions students recently created include Spirit Day—during which students sport "I ♥ BC" tattoos. Another event is Big Sub, co-sponsored by McAC and Aramark Food Services, who team up to assemble a 700-foot long submarine sandwich that stretches from the residential Quad to Milbank Hall. The entire sandwich is usually consumed in about 10 minutes.

Individual classes have initiated traditions of their own. The junior class started a class ring ceremony, while sophomores decided last year to collectively raise their sparkling cider-filled champagne glasses to toast their major declarations.

Other traditions, such as Greek Games, only seem new to students. The Games, which ran from 1903 to 1968, were dormant until several years



*Cramming for finals at Midnight Breakfast.*

ago. Although the new version isn't nearly as competitive as its historical counterpart—events last year included Greek salad-making competitions—the Games' lightheartedness has helped the tradition catch on, Fox says.

"Students put in one hour of their time and then feel like they're part of a tradition," she says.

—Daphna Berman '03

## MARY CATHERINE BATESON COMPOSES A LIFE

Author and anthropologist envisions life as a work of art

**I**f you ask Mary Catherine Bateson, a modern woman's life shouldn't entail juggling her child, job, relationship and her health, among other things. "I'm a klutz. So if you tell me my efforts to lead a rich, complicated life amount to 'juggling,' you're telling me I'm going to drop my baby. That's a scary, anxiety-producing metaphor," Bateson—anthropologist, author and daughter of one of Barnard's most illustrious alumnae, anthropologist Margaret Mead '23—said at a lecture at Barnard on March 31.

Instead, Bateson prefers the imagery of composing a work of art, be it a symphony or a

complex painting that weaves together the diverse strands of a woman's life. In her influential book on this topic, *Composing a Life* (first published in 1989), Bateson explored the creative potential of the complex lives of five ambitious women. "All have faced discontinuities and divided energies, yet each has been rich in professional achievement and in personal relationships—in love and work," she wrote.

"It's a fallacy to think we can plan our lives," she told the audience, citing her own life as an example: she is a scholar, cultural anthropologist, linguist, teacher, wife and mother. She is a professor emerita in anthropology and lin-

guistics at George Mason University, a visiting professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and president of the Institute for Intercultural Studies in New York.

"Young people have no concept of the opportunities they will have for new choices. You can start again at many stages," she said.

Bateson's talk was sponsored by Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers), part of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College. For more information about Barnard Alma Maters, call Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005 or send an e-mail to [alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu](mailto:alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu).

—Merri Rosenberg '78

# Power Players in Media

*Radio, television, and print journalists ponder influence on culture*



*Comparing notes on women working in the media were panelists, from left to right, Maria Hinojosa '84, Cyndi Stivers '78, and Martha Nelson '76.*

**P**ower—both in terms of one's own authority and what it means to be a powerful woman in the media industry—was a central theme of an April 30 panel at Barnard on women in media.

"I try to open the door for others by helping other women believe in themselves ... and find their own voice," said panelist Maria Hinojosa '84, correspondent for CNN and host of NPR's "Latino USA."

For panelist Atoosa Rubenstein '93, newly named editor-in-chief, *Seventeen*, being in a position of power gives her a chance to connect with a generation of women that she finds increasingly savvy and empowered. "This is the generation of girls that will finally push ahead of the boys," said Rubenstein, who was formerly editor-in-chief of *CosmoGIRL!*

Other participants in the panel included Martha Nelson '76, managing editor, *People*, and Cyndi Stivers '78, president and editorial director, *Time Out New York*. Alexis Gelber '74, director of special

projects at *Newsweek*, moderated the panel, which was co-sponsored by the Alumnae Association of Barnard College and the Barnard Center for Research on Women.

Stivers, who had harbored a dream of working in the media since she was a young child, said that she hasn't forgotten the responsibility that comes with power, and has turned to Barnard students when hiring interns and staff at her magazine.

Nelson noted that women in general aren't necessarily comfortable with the notion of flaunting their power. But "we aren't blind to the fact that we have an incredible amount of influence and power over the opinion and dialogue in our culture," she added.

Acknowledging the impressive track record of each panelist, Gelber joked that audience members might be forgiven for thinking Barnard women run the media. "Not quite," she quipped. "But they're getting there."

—Juli Steadman Charles '88

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO START IN THE FALL

The Alumnae Association of Barnard College and the Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center are pleased to sponsor a bereavement group, "Coping with Loss," for alumnae and their partners. Starting in the fall, the group will meet on Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Furman Counseling Center. For more information and to register, please call Norinda del Fierro in the Counseling Center at 212-854-2092.

## BARNARD CALENDAR

**Julius S. Held Memorial Conference**, September 19, 1:30 p.m. Conference will honor Held's contribution to the study of Netherlandish art and his legacy as a teacher and mentor to generations of Barnard and Columbia students. Julius S. Held Lecture Hall, Barnard Hall. Call 212-854-0341 to register.

**On Dance: Recreating Martha Graham's 1931 Masterpiece "Primitive Mysteries"** at Barnard, September 29, 7 p.m. Julius S. Held Lecture Hall, Barnard Hall.

**Barnard's Books Etc. Series.** Reading by author Lynne Tillman, September 30; Alice Walker, October 3; Jhumpa Lahiri '89, October 16; Anna Quindlen '74, November 5; Ursula Hegi, November 18; emerging student writers, December 2.

**Operation Babylift: Adopting Vietnamese Children in the Wake of the Vietnam War**, September 30, 7 p.m. Barnard Forum on Migration. Screening of documentary "Daughter From Danang" and talk by Vietnamese-American activist Dao Spencer. Julius S. Held Lecture Hall, Barnard Hall.

**Jumpin' at the Sun: Reassessing the Life and Work of Zora Neale Hurston '28**, October 2 and 3. Student readings of Hurston's work, October 2, 8 p.m. Conference, October 3, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Keynote address by Alice Walker, 5 p.m. The Virginia C. Gildersleeve Conference on Hurston is sponsored by the Barnard Center for Research on Women and the English department. Call 212-854-2067 to register.

**Columbia University's 250th Anniversary Celebration**, Opening Weekend, October 16 through 19. A complete list of events can be found at [c250.columbia.edu](http://c250.columbia.edu).

**AABC Leadership Council**, October 17 and 18. Barnard's biannual volunteer leadership training conference. For more information, call Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005.

**Homecoming**, October 18. Tickets available from Dodge Fitness Center ticket office, 212-854-2546.

**Family Weekend**, October 24 and 25. Parents, grandparents and siblings of all Barnard students are invited to visit campus. For more information, go to [www.barnard.edu/parents/familyweekend](http://www.barnard.edu/parents/familyweekend) or call 212-854-0037.

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# Russia and the West

*Kimberly Marten's class explores Russian leadership, economic ideology, nationalism, and security*

"Throughout history Russia has had an ambiguous relationship with the Western world," writes Kimberly J. Marten, associate professor of political science, in the introduction to her course description of "Russia and the West" (POLS V 3675). "Russia has never treated the West with indifference, and this love/hate relationship is in full force today."

Students with the good fortune to spend a semester in Marten's class become sophisticated analysts of this world-shaping relationship. Drawing on works by philosophers, historians, and international relations scholars and practitioners—both Russians observing the West and Westerners observing Russia—Marten's students acquire a profound and comprehensive knowledge of the history of Russian domestic politics and foreign policy, from Peter the Great's opening to the West at the turn of the 18th century to Vladimir Putin's diplomatic initiatives and military campaigns today.

"A lot of political science courses end up being history courses, with no explanation of facts and events," says Yonatan Pomrenze, a political science major who took the class this past spring and will graduate next year from Columbia's School of General Studies. "Professor Marten approaches history from a political and international relations standpoint. She's

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*Russian World War I poster exhorting citizens to arms.*

## SELECTED READINGS

**Weapons, Culture, and Self-Interest: Soviet Defense Managers in the New Russia**

by Kimberly Marten Zisk  
(Columbia University Press, 1997)

**Natasha's Dance: A Cultural History of Russia**

by Orlando Figes (Henry Holt, 2002)

**Inside the Kremlin's Cold War: From Stalin to Khrushchev**

by Vladislav Zubok and Constantine Pleshakov  
(Harvard University Press, 1996)

**A History of Russia**

by Nicholas V. Riasanovsky  
(Oxford University Press, 1999)

**The Lenin Anthology**

by Robert C. Tucker (W. W. Norton, 1975)

**Major Problems in the History of Imperial Russia**  
by James Cracraft  
(Houghton Mifflin, 1994)

**The Chechen Wars: Will Russia Go the Way of the Soviet Union?**

by Matthew Evangelista  
(Brookings, 2002)

# Independent Scholars

*Tow Fellows pursue innovative, self-designed research projects all over the world*

In the summer between her sophomore and junior years, Nicole Kaufman '03 received a National Science Foundation grant to investigate the complex politics of nuclear waste disposal on Native-American tribal lands. The American Studies major hoped to resume her research the following summer, but additional NSF funding was unavailable. So she applied for a grant from the Tow Research Fellowship Fund, a program established by Barnard parents Claire and Leonard Tow to support several students pursuing independent research between their junior and senior years.

A Tow Fellowship covered Kaufman's travel and housing costs while she conducted interviews of residents on a Utah reservation. "There's a lot of fighting about the economic and ecological future of this community," she says. "There was a real lack of forethought by power utilities about where their nuclear waste would ultimately go." Kaufman co-authored a paper about the project, which is under review for publication, and she will begin graduate study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall.

With the assistance of a Tow Fellowship, Jessica Alpert '03, a political science major, collected oral histories from Latin-American Jews from El Salvador. "Latin-American Jewish communities are fascinating because they identify strongly as Jewish, but at the same time they feel very Latin," she says. "If you go

to a Jewish service in El Salvador, they serve tortillas and frijoles alongside the challah."

Prior to the fellowship, Alpert created an oral history of her grandmother, who fled Nazi Germany by immigrating first to Holland and then to El Salvador in 1938. "Oral history is incredibly in-the-

moment. In many ways, it's an emotional history, rather than a history of events," she explains. Her work was published in Marjorie Agosin's anthology *Taking Root: Narratives of Latin American Jewish Women* (Ohio University Press, 2002). She plans to pursue a career either in academia or law.

Diana Thow '03 developed a passion for poetry

as an English major at Barnard. During a semester abroad in Rome, she discovered Italian poet Amelia Rosselli (1930-1996). A Tow Fellowship allowed her to spend an additional two months in Rome to research Rosselli's life and translate some of her works into English.

"The Tow Fellowship gave a new dimension to my Barnard experience," she says. "At Barnard, professors are attentive and always willing to give you guidance. With the fellowship, I was able to take the confidence they gave me and develop it into an independent method of research, which was really wonderful." The project greatly impacted Thow's senior thesis, which focuses on translation as a metaphor in post-colonial literature. She intends to continue her work as a poet and scholar by pursuing either an M.F.A. or Ph.D.

The Tows, who met all seven fellows at the 2003 Torchbearers Reception in April, are thrilled with the students and their work. "It is an extraordinary group of young women, which makes us feel extremely proud and happy that we give this support. We get back as much as we give," Claire Tow says.

—Amy E. Hughes



**Diana Thow '03 at the Castel San'Angelo in Rome during her semester abroad.**



**Jessica Alpert '03**



# Continuing a Legacy

*Two sisters celebrate their mother's memory with a gift to Barnard*

As a student at Barnard, Hortense Koller Becker '23 expanded and deepened her lifelong passion for the classics, literature, and poetry. Just prior to her 70th reunion, she expressed her gratitude to the College by establishing a scholarship fund. When Becker passed away at the age of 99, her daughters, Jane Colman and Kate Morrison, decided to continue their mother's legacy by making a gift to Barnard.

"She was an avid and discerning reader, a writer of elegant poetry and prose, with a powerful intellectual curiosity in a wide range of disciplines that she retained until the end of her life," Morrison says. "She loved good conversation and loved to tell a good anecdote—even when she was the butt of it. And she couldn't resist an argument for the sheer love of the fray."

As a young woman, Becker worked in editorial at the *New York Herald-Tribune*, Pynson Press, and Root McBride Publishers. After moving to Chicago with her husband, James Becker, she raised a family and continued the pursuit of her muse. In 1963, she wrote a scholarly essay for *Psychoanalytic Quarterly* about her father, Carl Koller, who discovered the anesthetic properties of cocaine and corresponded with Sigmund Freud. In 1994, *American Jewish Archives* published her article about her husband's post-World War I relief work in Eastern Europe.



*Hortense Koller Becker '23 at the age of 92.*

In memory of their mother, Colman and Morrison made a substantial gift to the scholarship Becker established at Barnard. It is now named the Hortense Becker '23 Scholarship Fund and supports students from the Chicago area. Previously, the fund provided a partial scholarship to a student; as a result of the sisters' gift, future recipients will receive a full scholarship.

"We wanted to support something that meant a lot to mother, and Barnard was what came to mind," Morrison says. "Judging from the Barnard women we have known, we think Barnard is a very remarkable institution."

—AEH

## College Receives \$11 Million Bequest

A generous bequest from Marion Kahn Kahn '25—totaling more than \$11 million—marks the single largest gift in Barnard's history. Barnard is the beneficiary of a trust created by Kahn that will distribute \$750,000 per year to the

College for the next 15 years. Kahn, a dedicated volunteer and a lifelong champion of Barnard, majored in English. As an alumna, she held a number of class offices, including secretary, vice president, president and fund chairman. She worked for

Lenox Hill Hospital and the American Red Cross as a volunteer blood recruiter, and also contributed her time and energy to the Jewish Guild for the Blind, Temple Emanuel, and the March of Dimes.

—AEH

# Recent Events

## DEDICATIONS

PHOTO BY LEAH KOPFERMAN '89



Two new campus spaces established by generous donors were dedicated this spring. The Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center in Hewitt Hall provides counseling ser-

vices to students as well as other mental-health programs. A gallery named for Professor Emerita of Art History Barbara

Novak '50, created with a gift from Ella Foshay, will provide exhibition space on the third floor of Barnard Hall for students, faculty, and visiting artists. Top, left



PHOTO BY KIM NA KIM '05

to right: Barbara Novak '50 joins Ella Foshay and President Judith Shapiro at the Senior Thesis Art Show and gallery dedication on April 24. Above, left to right: Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 and her husband, Richard Furman, celebrate the dedication of the counseling center on April 28 with their daughters, Katherine Furman Pasik and Lizabeth Sandler.

## 2003 TORCHBEARERS RECEPTION

PHOTO BY LYN SAVILLE



At the 2003 Torchbearers Reception on April 29, scholarship recipients and the donors who

are supporting them at Barnard shared experiences and memories. Top, left to right: Bendita Malakia '05 with trustee Gayle Robinson '75, her scholarship donor. Bottom, left to right: President Judith Shapiro; students Elizabeth Nofi '04 and Nita Mickley '03, who talked about their Barnard experiences; master of ceremonies

Anna Quindlen '74; and Lois Golden Champy '67, who spoke on behalf of donors and friends about the importance of supporting Barnard. Streaming video of the students' speeches can be seen at [www.barnard.edu/alum/events/recentevents/0503students.html](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/events/recentevents/0503students.html).



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## 16TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

PHOTO BY JOE PINERO



Dina Dublon of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bruce Gordon of Verizon Communications, Inc., were honored at the 16th Annual Awards Dinner on May 13, an event that honors two visionary corporate executives and their outstanding contributions each year. The dinner raises more than \$1 million annually for scholarship support for Barnard students. Left to right: honoree Bruce Gordon and Tawana Tibbs; Judy Shipley; honoree Dina Dublon; Walter Shipley, former chairman of Chase Manhattan Corp.; and President Judith Shapiro.



# Where It All Begins

**T**here's a constant, evolving narrative inside the mind of author Jillian Medoff '85. "I've always wanted to be a writer," says Medoff. "When I was 10, I won a medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution for a story I wrote about a child from 1776."

For Medoff, whose day job in corporate communications does nothing to impede her prolific imagination, writing was a single constant in a childhood where nothing was fixed. "My dad was in sales. We moved 17 times by the time I was 17."

All that chaos took its toll—she developed an eating disorder. "In a world that I couldn't control, my weight became the one thing I could. It started with anorexia, and became bulimia during college."

The disease didn't stop Medoff from graduating from Barnard with a degree in English literature. In 1993, she began working on her novel, *Hunger Point*, and after 10 drafts in four and a half years, had it published in 1997. The book, which received critical acclaim, was adapted into a Lifetime network movie earlier this year, starring actor Barbara Hershey.

Funny and tragic, the book features Frannie Hunter, whose mother is obsessed with her daughters' weight. Frannie's sister, Shelly, turns bulimic, then suicidal. "People assume that's my family, and it's not," says Medoff. "They're created from my imagination. The characters are variations on a theme, composites of family members, people I've known. I have two sisters. They're always a little preoccupied with their weight, but no more than most women I know."

While Medoff has spoken about her personal history with eating disorders as part of publicizing the book, she doesn't consider herself a political writer. "My goal is just to tell a good story," she says.

Symptom-free for 10 years, she says recovering from her illness is "a very long, hard road to pave. It's about destroying this unhealthy self you've created, and rebuilding a new one."

Medoff next penned *Good Girls Gone Bad* (William Morrow, 2002), in which a romantically frustrated actuary becomes embroiled in a misadventure with some women she



*Author Jillian Medoff '85 starts from personal experience, and then her imagination takes off.*

meets in group therapy. *The New York Times* called it "recklessly candid." People continued to wonder whether Medoff was

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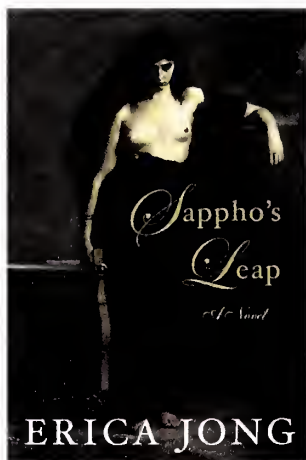
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writing from her own experience.

There's some truth in that. "It all starts from a single experience in my own history. I put it at arm's length, change significant details, and find a story to write that's not so personal."

Medoff's third book is about a blended family. She explains, "Two couples share custody of a daughter. Something happens to her, and the question is who bears responsibility," she says. "It's from four points of view, which is new for me."

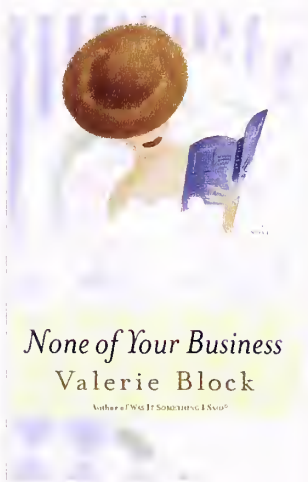
But Medoff's latest project may be the biggest challenge of all: her baby girl. "She's what I think of all the time. She's my running commentary now." ☒



### FICTION

#### **None of Your Business**

by Valerie Block '85  
Ballantine Books, 2003, \$23.95



#### **Nina: Adolescence**

by Amy Hassinger '94  
G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003,  
\$23.95

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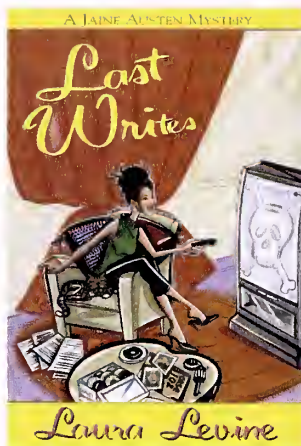


#### **Sappho's Leap**

by Erica (Mann) Jong '63  
W. W. Norton & Co., 2003,  
\$24.95

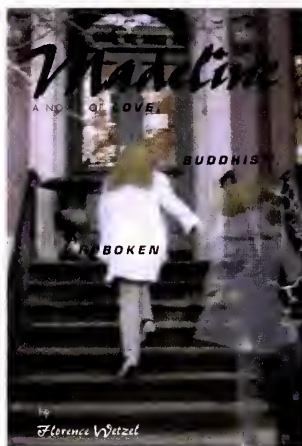
#### **Last Writes: A Jaine Austin Mystery**

by Laura Levine '65  
Kensington Books, 2003, \$22



#### **A Compass Sighs and Sings: Eyes Am Your Grandmother and Grandfather and Have Not Yet Been Born**

by Maayan Saje (pen name for Sarah Wilson '02)  
1stBooks Library, 2003, \$11.50



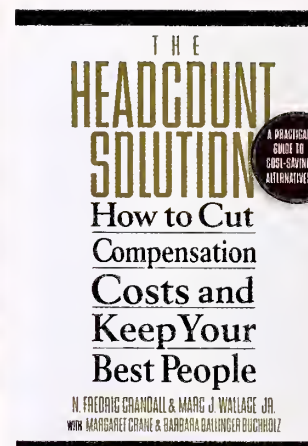
#### **Madeline: A Novel of Love, Buddhism, and Hoboken**

by Florence Wetzel '84  
Writer's Club Press, 2003,  
\$22.95

### GENERAL NONFICTION

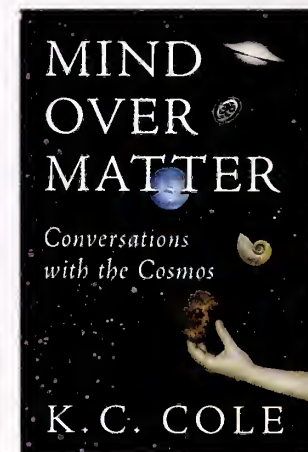
#### **The Headcount Solution: How to Cut Compensation Costs and Keep Your Best People**

by Barbara (Ballinger) Buchholz '71 et al.  
McGraw-Hill, 2003, \$29.95



#### **Mind Over Matter: Conversations with the Cosmos**

by K.C. Cole '68  
Harcourt, Inc., 2003, \$25



#### **Dark Lover: The Life and Death of Rudolph Valentino**

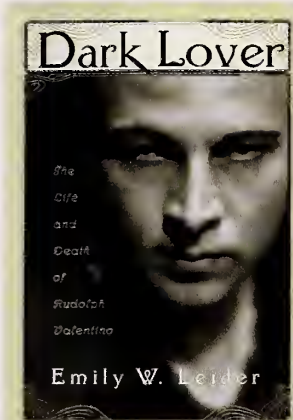
by Emily (Wortis) Leider '59  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux,  
2003, \$35

#### **The Great Big Burger Book**

by Jane Murphy and Liz (Yeh) Singh '88  
The Harvard Common Press,  
2003, \$29.95



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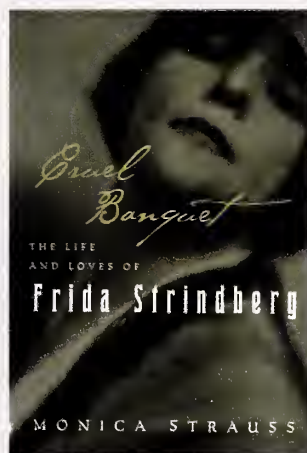
**Girl Walks Into a Bar:**  
A Memoir  
by Strawberry Saroyan '92  
Random House, 2003, \$19.95



**Caribbean Dance from**  
Abakuá to Zouk: How  
Movement Shapes Identity  
edited by Susanna Sloat '65  
University Press of Florida,  
2002, \$39.95



**Cruel Banquet:**  
The Life and Loves of  
Frida Strindberg  
by Monica (Spitzer) Strauss '60  
Harcourt Inc., 2000, \$25



**Made from Scratch:**  
Reclaiming the Pleasures  
of the American Hearth  
by Jean Zimmerman '79  
Free Press, 2003, \$25

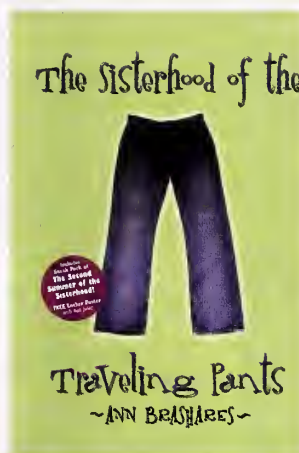


## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**The Second Summer of**  
the Sisterhood  
by Ann Brashares '89  
Delacorte Press, 2003, \$15.95



**The Sisterhood of the**  
Traveling Pants  
by Ann Brashares '89  
Delacorte Press, 2001, \$14.95



## EXHIBITIONS

**"Breaking the Surface"**  
paintings by Kaaren  
(Hirschowitz) Engel '83  
Memphis Jewish Community  
Center, Memphis, Tenn.  
March

**"Space Invaders"**  
sculptures by Ann Hirsch '95  
Fish Tank Gallery, Brooklyn,  
N.Y.  
May 2 through June 2



Kaaren Engel, *Traveling Through the Helix*. Acrylic, acrylic medium on paper, 22" x 30," 2002.

## CALLING ALL WRITERS, MUSICIANS, PLAYWRIGHTS, SINGERS, ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS

Is your play being produced? Is your art on display at a gallery? Have you recorded a CD? Did you just publish a book? Let us know, and we'll share the news in this section! (Be sure to fill us in on the details—where, when, how much, etc.) Contact Lori Segal, associate editor, *Barnard*, lsegal@barnard.edu. Send a review copy of your book or CD to Lori Segal at *Barnard*, Vagelos Alumnae Center, Barnard College, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY, 10027-6598.



# Women's Health: Positive Changes and Difficult Challenges

EXPERTS AT THE BARNARD SUMMIT WRESTLE WITH GENDER-SPECIFIC HEALTH TRENDS

BY JO KADLECEK

**N**ot long ago, if a woman complained to her doctor of chest pains, she'd probably have been told to take antacids and sent on her way. Today, doctors are more likely to treat this complaint seriously, based on the evidence that more women die from heart disease than from any other illness.

The change comes largely because of a quiet but critical movement that has been stirring over the past decade, one being waged not in rallies but in laboratories, clinics, and hospitals. Gender-specific research, technological advances in treatment for women, and media coverage of both have distinguished women's health issues as unique and different from men's, paving the way toward gender-appropriate treatment and help.

But not all women can appreciate

the good news. Many throughout the world remain unable to access or afford adequate care for even their most fundamental health needs, according to experts who assembled at Barnard on April 5 at The Barnard Summit: Women and Health. The day-long forum—supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Merck & Co., Inc. and Pfizer Inc.—brought together a distinguished group of top U.S. government policymakers, influential health advocates, and leading medical specialists



and researchers. More than 700 women and men, including health care professionals, scholars, journalists, Barnard students and alumnae, attended the summit to hear about findings in medical research, challenges in health care and influences on global health issues.

In discussions that covered many topics, several key points emerged:

- Women must take personal responsibility for women's health issues everywhere;
- Access to adequate health care in the United States and abroad must become a priority;
- Gender-specific diseases, research, and treatment around the world must be taken seriously;
- Poverty impedes progress on women's health in the developing world.

"While Americans spend nearly \$35 million annually on weight loss products and programs, nearly half of all women of reproductive age in regions of Africa and South Asia continue to be undernourished," said President Judith Shapiro, moderator of the first panel on health trends. "But positive trends must be emphasized. Women have taken an increasingly active role as health care providers. Nearly half of all medical school graduates in the United States are women."

The fact that attention is paid to women's unique health needs is "an exciting revolution," said Dr. Marianne Legato, director of the Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine at Columbia University, and author of *Eve's Rib: The New Science of Gender-Specific Medicine and How It Can Save Your Life* (Three Rivers Press, 2003). "That in itself is a major change that's really only happened in the last 10 years, but one that can ultimately help both women and men," added Legato, mother of Christiana Killian '90.

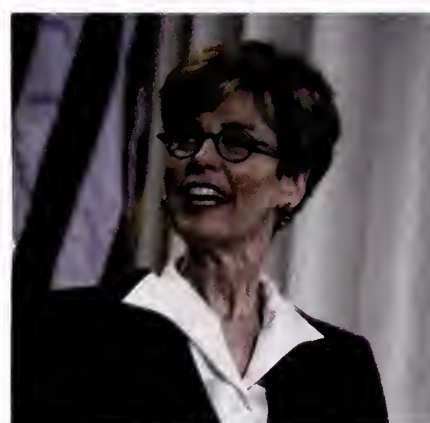
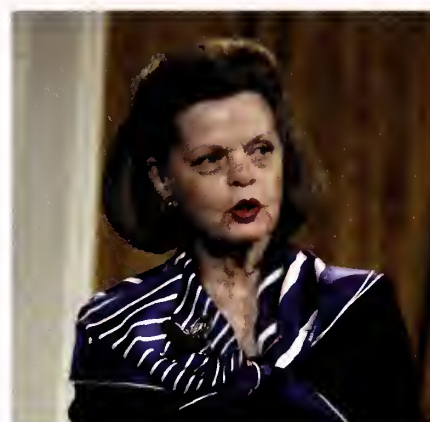
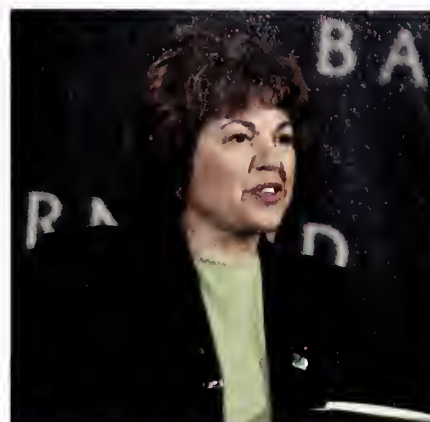
Such efforts have helped move the focus beyond the two areas that have most often defined women's health issues—breast cancer and reproductive diseases—and into a comprehensive approach to gender-specific medicine. For example, lung cancer mortality rates for women have increased an estimated 600 percent since 1950, Shapiro said.

In addition, obesity rates have increased, environmental concerns such as clean water and air pollution have broadened the scope of women's health issues, and concern about heart disease has prompted increased advocacy for behavioral changes and federal preventative programs, said Dr. Cristina Beato, principal deputy assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We're living longer but we're picking up bad habits along the way," Beato said. "We've become good on treatment but lousy on prevention."

Still, most women under 45 years of age seem more concerned about breast cancer or reproductive cancer than anything else, according to Cindi Leive, editor-in-chief of *Glamour*. "The reality, though, is that they're more likely to die from heart disease or even a car accident," Leive said.

The perceptions remain in part due to differing medical opinions throughout the years and the amount of information



**Participants in The Barnard Summit, from top to bottom: President Judith Shapiro; Dr. Marianne Legato, director of the Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine at Columbia University, and Barnard parent; Dr. Helene D. Gayle '76, director of HIV, TB and reproductive health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Dr. Judith Senitzky Reichman '66, a medical contributor for NBC's "Today" show and specialist in gynecology, infertility, and menopause.**

## THE BARNARD SUMMIT ON WOMEN AND HEALTH



now available through the Internet. "It can be confusing," said Dr. Judith Sentzky Reichman '66, a medical contributor for NBC's "Today" show who has a Los Angeles practice in gynecology, infertility, and menopause and is the author of books on women's health including *Relax, This Won't Hurt: Painless Answers to Women's Most Pressing Health Questions* (Quill, 2001). "Reporting from various studies in the media can have a huge impact on the public's perception and our quality of life. But it's essential that each patient be treated uniquely and individually."

What's clear to professionals and patients alike is that women must "take personal responsibility for their health," said Faye Wattleton, president of the Center for the Advancement of Women, a research, education, and advocacy organization in New York.

With more than 45 million people lacking health insurance in the United States, health literacy "is the key to empowering women and eliminating health care disparities," Beato said.

### A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN

"There's a huge problem with the amount of information out there [about health care] and a bigger problem of access to services," said Judy Norsigian, executive director and co-founder of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective and co-author of the ground-

breaking book, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, first published in 1970.

Traditional research, for instance, has long targeted men rather than women in helping shape medical opinion about both genders. According to Dr. Isaac Schiff, chief of staff of the Vincent Obstetrics & Gynecology Service at Massachusetts General Hospital, studies in the 1960s confirmed that estrogen did lead to heart disease for men while women were frequently given medicines that included estrogen.

"Women had to wait 35 years to have a study confirm for them that estrogen increased their chances for heart disease," Schiff said, referring to the Women's Health Initiative study, which examined the effects of estrogen and progesterone on post-menopausal women. The estrogen-progesterone study was stopped in July 2002 because results showed participants were at an increased risk for heart disease, stroke, and breast cancer.

Because women tend to be more dependent on a spouse or the public sector for health care, insurance discrepancies have also created difficult situations for women struggling to access appropriate care. Women's mental health issues are being recognized as essential here and throughout the world, according to Dr. Vivian Pinn, director of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

But "if you're lucky enough to have health insurance, it's unlikely it will cover [treatment for] mental health issues," said Elizabeth Wurtzel, author of *Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America: A Memoir* (Riverhead Books, 1997).

What changes have occurred are largely because women have begun to address them from within the system. Many changes are the result of "grass-root efforts that led to changes in public policy requirements and laws," such as



**Other participants in The Barnard Summit, from top to bottom: economist Jeffrey Sachs, special advisor to the U.N. Secretary-General and director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University; Faye Wattleton, president of the Center for the Advancement of Women; Cindi Leive, editor-in-chief of Glamour; Gina Kolata, science and medical reporter for The New York Times.**



the 1993 law that requires the inclusion of women and minorities in medical studies, Pinn said. More women are entering the field and medical schools are training doctors to spend more time with patients in taking their histories, said Ellen More, professor of history and medical humanities, Institute for the Medical Humanities, at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.

As more women have started to speak out and organize, conditions and treatment have improved, said Bylye Avery, founder of the National Black Women's Health Project. "We need to ... develop a system that delivers health care to all people, giving access to everyone regardless of who they are or what their politics might be."

## WOMEN'S HEALTH AROUND THE GLOBE

For countless women around the world, basic health care is a matter of survival. Although gains have been made for women in Western countries, those in developing countries still find themselves trapped by poverty's far-reaching effects. If they can't support their families, many will turn to prostitution to earn money and in the process risk their health through sexually transmitted diseases. For example, "some poor women get HIV because they enter the sex industry because they have few employment options," said Dr. Helene D. Gayle '76, director of HIV, TB and reproductive health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. And if there is a medical clinic available to them, most lack the fundamental resources to access them.

Radical steps must be taken to address such economic challenges, health care advocates said.

"Family planning now is at least legal in many countries, and many [countries] are beginning to discuss

female mutilation and violence on women, but so many [developing] countries have yet to address these issues," said Dr. Nafis Sadik, special advisor to the U.N. Secretary-General and special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia.

Part of the problem is the destructive impact of poverty and economic disparities among countries, said economist Jeffrey Sachs, special advisor to the U.N. Secretary-General and director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Today alone, thousands of people will die simply because they are poor. "Getting out of poverty is complicated and involves things like health care development, linking economies, building roads, education, etc.," he said.

As more women come into the workforce, positive change could result in women's health progress, said Dr. Afaf Meleis, Margaret Bond Simon Dean, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, and Council General of the International Council on Women's Health Issues. "But too many have remained in low income, low status, low image positions. The key will be to put our resources into developing women in these developing countries, not just men," Meleis said.

Furthermore, "we have to stop talking about 'the poor' and talk about poor women and poor men," said Carolyn Hannan, director of the U.N. division for the advancement of women. "We need to look at the total picture. For instance, we're even starting to look at what makes men violent." Next year, the United Nations will discuss for the first time how men and boys can become involved in progress toward equality of the sexes, she said.

A critical element in addressing these issues is to learn from those already in the field. "People in developing countries have a lot to teach us on domestic issues," Gayle said. "Involvement in communities overseas can teach us how

**This is an excerpt of the full report on The Barnard Summit, which is on Barnard's Web site at [www.barnard.edu/summit/about](http://www.barnard.edu/summit/about). An interactive video report on the summit, with written commentary and short video clips of the panels, is at [www.barnard.edu/summit/videoreport](http://www.barnard.edu/summit/videoreport). Production is underway on a special public television documentary on the summit to be broadcast this fall, initially on Connecticut Public Television. The program, "The Barnard Summit: Women and Health," will be distributed afterward to PBS stations nationwide for their fall schedules. Alumnae will receive a special notice with the program schedule in their viewing areas.**

to be better involved here in our own communities. In a country as rich as the United States, there are far too many disparities. So the question becomes, how can we be better global citizens in responding to these issues?"

Summarizing the many questions and challenges involved in progress on women's health issues around the globe, President Shapiro noted that it is important to take responsibility both on a personal basis and as advocates and professionals.

"We need to think more rationally about health risks and the system and then make hard decisions about what's most important. Prevention is a lot more cost effective," President Shapiro said. "Health care issues don't exist in a vacuum; they are enmeshed in their social, cultural, and political context. That's why we must be informed citizens as well." ☒

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## AND THE BEAT GOES ON...

A record number of attendees—some 1,400 alumnae and their families—came to a memorable Barnard Reunion, May 29 through June 1.

Festivities included class breakfasts, cocktail hours, and dinners, as well as an all-class gala dinner on Saturday night. Those seeking intellectual stimulation found a home in Julius S. Held Lecture Hall, the site of a faculty lecture on nonviolence and panels on body image and perceptions of America abroad. There were walking tours of Harlem and Morningside Heights, alumnae film screenings, and activities for the kids. Students performed tap in Minor Latham Playhouse and African dance at the Alumnae of Color Dinner, and then were joined by alumnae who showed their own fancy footwork.

“They say you can’t go home again, but I think that tonight we all feel as if we’ve come home. As we’ve sat and talked to old friends and met some new ones, we’ve felt a genuine connection to each other as Barnard alums—whether it’s someone who graduated 30 years ahead of us or 10 years behind, we’re all connected,” said Carole Paynter ’83.





"My story mirrors that of many women in the workforce," Marsha Coleman-Adebayo '74 (top row, right), about discrimination in the workplace during "Alumnae Talk: Challenges to Women of Color in the 21st Century" (read her story on page 68).







## AWARDS GIVEN TO ALUMNAE AT REUNION

### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD**

Dr. Rochelle Reibman Hirschhorn '53, professor of medicine, pediatrics, and cell biology; and director, division of medical genetics, department of medicine, New York University School of Medicine. (See article on page 39.)

### **RECOGNITION AWARD FOR SERVICE TO BARNARD**

Helene L. Kaplan '53, Of Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP; chair

emerita and trustee emerita, Barnard. (See article on page 43.)

### **YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD**

Cynthia Nixon '88, award-winning actor and co-star of HBO's series, "Sex and the City." (See article on page 61.)

### **WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Hon. Judith S. Kaye '58, Chief Judge of the State of New York. (See article on page 51.)

"I became independent at Barnard," Sylvia Klion Disenhof '43, during breakfast in the James Room.





"I cringe when a young woman says, 'I'm not a feminist, but ...,'" author Erica Jong '63 (right), during "Barnard Book Club," after reading an excerpt from *Sappho's Leap*, her latest book.







"America's awesome unsolved problem today is violence, domestic and international, and a clear remedy lies in an intelligent and energetic cultivation of a culture of non-violence. Our political, social, and educational leaders should make this their principal task, but this can't be left to leaders alone. It's for each American to learn to take seriously the power of nonviolence, of *agape*, whether in raising our children or considering how to support resolution of world conflicts," Dennis G. Dalton, professor of political science at Barnard, during a faculty lecture, "Nonviolence in 2003."

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"I'm just taking in the view. It's so beautiful up here in Sulzberger—I'm more nostalgic than I thought I'd be," Lynn Rothstein '78, during her class breakfast in the Helene L. Kaplan '53 Tower Suite, Sulzberger Hall.



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## What Lies Ahead for the Class of 2003?

Five graduates contemplate life after Barnard

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BY MERRI ROSENBERG '73

HINK BACK TO THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU GRADUATED FROM BARNARD.

Perhaps you had a very specific idea of your future—a successful career in a particular profession, a loving relationship, a family. Or perhaps you didn't have any idea what you might want to do. In the years since, your life might have followed your game plan with enviable fidelity—or taken detours that you couldn't have anticipated at graduation.

For members of the Class of 2003, the journey through Barnard has brought some closer to their original aspirations. Others, inspired by a particular professor, course, or internship, have changed their plans entirely.

In the following pages, we share the experiences, hopes, and dreams of five students who graduated in May. They're poised on the brink of their futures, and we're grateful that they're letting us come along for the ride.





*The recruiting process was grueling, but Ruby Alam survived—and got a job as an analyst at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.*

#### **A**n Entrepreneurial Spirit: Ruby Alam

After freshman biology at the Bronx High School of Science essentially quashed her interest in medicine, Rubaiyat (Ruby) Alam came to Barnard intending to become a journalist.

But an introductory economics course that she took early on at Barnard changed her mind. Economics “was definitely something I could do,” says Alam, who was born in Bangladesh and raised in Queens. “Logistically, it will be helpful. I also found it interesting and fun.” Perhaps it’s in her genes—her father was a banker in Bangladesh before immigrating to the United States.

As an undergraduate, Alam served as vice president of Club Bangla, the Bengali students’ association for Barnard and Columbia. As chair of McIntosh Activities Council’s multicultural committee, she co-initiated “The One World Show,” a fashion show celebrating the diverse ethnic groups at Barnard. “I wanted to start a Barnard tradition,” Alam says proudly. The show, which took place on April 12, attracted more than 500 students.

Attending Barnard left Alam with a renewed appreciation for what she originally signed up for in going to an all-women’s college. “Meeting the women who go here, I’m struck by how amazing they are,” she says. “It does feel like a sisterhood. And there’s the individual attention you get from the faculty—it’s great that there’s a place like that.”

Alam, whose work-study job was at Barnard’s computer help desk, gained a place in the prestigious Kauffman Entrepreneurial Internship Program, which offers grants to students who want to work with start-up businesses. She ended up at USA Web Solutions, a Web design and development company. In addition, she spent a semester as statistics teacher’s assistant in the psychology department.

With a major in economics and a minor in psychology, along with her initiative and energy, she’s well prepared to work as an analyst at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

“I knew I had to go through the whole recruiting thing,” she recalls. “It was extremely stressful. Every night, another company came in, and you had

to make an impression in five minutes.”

She has committed to the company’s three-year analyst program. Afterward, “graduate school in business is a possibility,” she says.

“I definitely want to get married,” Alam says. “By my fifth reunion, I hope I’ll be married.”

“I’m looking forward to having a child,” she asserts. “I want at least two, maybe four kids. Throughout the recruiting process, I met a lot of women who have both a job and a family, so I know that it’s doable. If you want it badly, you can have it all.”

She’s even considered where and how she wants to raise her future family. “I want to have a backyard,” Alam insists. “I’ll need to have a backyard for my kids.”

#### **A**Lively Educator: Eliza Bang

Like many classmates, Eliza Bang entered Barnard certain of her career plans. Bang hoped to become a pediatric reconstructive surgeon. “I wanted to do something that



would really affect the lives of children,” says Bang, a California native. “My aunt worked as a translator for Operation Smile, which sends doctors to undeveloped countries to treat children with cleft palates. I thought that would be the direction I’d take.”

Her parents, Korean immigrants, had encouraged her from childhood to pursue her career dreams, even with the demanding workload of combining pre-med courses with her anthropology major. But a daunting five-course load her junior year prompted Bang to reconsider what she really wanted to do with her life.

“Pre-med wasn’t the lifestyle I wanted,” she recalls. “There were aspects of me that weren’t being utilized with my nose in a book.”

Serendipitously, she was in Milbank Hall one day when she spotted an open door that said “Education” on it. Bang walked into the education program’s office—and hasn’t looked back since.

“I feel I have a certain patience and passion to work with children,” she says. “I’ve found the way in which I may make my significant contribution to society, and I came to this realization at Barnard, where I was given the tools and support to pursue what I wanted. It’s really an amazing experience.” She majored in psychology and is certified by the Barnard College Education Program as an elementary school teacher. At graduation, she was the co-recipient of the Stephanie Lynn Kossoff Prize for noteworthy contribution in childhood education.

This fall, she will be part of the founding team of teachers for Village Academy, a new public charter school in East Harlem, and will work as a science teacher/educational services manager. The school will start with fifth graders, then add one grade per year until it becomes a fifth through 12th grade college preparatory school, she says. During the next five years, Bang also hopes to pursue a graduate degree in education.

Teaching fits well with her other aspirations. “One of my life goals is to bring responsible, thoughtful, well-rounded people into the world,” she says. “Although I know plenty of women who do it well, I didn’t feel I could be a great doctor and



*Fueled by patience and a passion to work with children, Eliza Bang will be a co-founder of a public charter school in East Harlem.*

a great mother at the same time,” she admits. “If I chose to be a healer, I’d feel the need to put a great amount of time and emotional energy into my practice, and I don’t want to feel constantly torn between my profession and my role as a mother. However, I feel I could simultaneously be a great teacher and a great mother.”

Bang isn’t in any rush to get married and have kids, however. “Perhaps that will be with my current boyfriend, but it’s too early to tell. I can say for sure that I’d like to start a family in my mid- to late 20s,” she says. “I want to make sure that I feel I’ve experienced life independently and fully, so that I can devote myself to my family when the time comes.”

**Born Advocate: Elvita Dominique**  
Elvita Dominique is one future lawyer who takes the root meaning of the profession very seriously.

“I wanted to do law because I’ve always been interested in advocacy,” she says. “I’m from rural Haiti, from a working class



family, and have always been concerned with the issues of the disadvantaged. I've got that 'see-how-I-can-save-the-world' idealism, and think I can do that better with a Ph.D. or a law degree."

Law school won out after Dominique had difficulty coming up with a personal statement for a Ph.D. program. "They asked me 'what theorists are you engaged in?' " she recalls. "I couldn't write my statement. The Ph.D. requires much more commitment. If you want to have a Ph.D., you must have that passion. Then I thought that maybe I wasn't cut out for the Ph.D. The law school process is easier—at the end of three years, you have a profession."

In the fall, Dominique heads to Harvard Law School. It was important for her parents—Haitian farmers who moved to Stamford, Conn., when Dominique was young—that their five children pursue professions, especially before marriage.

*Coming from rural Haiti and a working class family, "I've always been concerned with the issues of the disadvantaged," says future lawyer Elvita Dominique.*



At Barnard, she had a double major in history and sociology-human rights and participated in the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program, which encourages minority students to pursue doctoral studies. "I liked social sciences, and had law in the back of my head," she says. "I like to have plans." She worked one summer in the Center for Human Rights at Columbia and had a summer internship at the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Another summer, she did research through the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program in New York.

Dominique was also active on campus. In addition to working all four years at Barnard, she served as president of the Black Organization of Soul Sisters, organized the campus Celebration of Black Womanhood Week, sang with the Gospel Choir, and worked for the *Barnard Bulletin*. She wrote her senior thesis about the experiences of black women at Barnard during the 1960s and 1970s.

This summer, before heading to Harvard, Dominique is interning with the Midtown Community Court in Manhattan—where she is designing a mentoring program and a mock trial curriculum for high school students—and working for Barnard's Higher Education Opportunity Program.

"I hope I survive law school, and can enjoy it as much as I enjoyed Barnard," she reflects. "It's been really cool."

While she'd love to do nonprofit or advocacy work, the reality of a looming \$100,000 educational debt will be a strong influence on her choices. "I'm still interested in teaching, and would want to do my own research," she says.

She hopes to have a more active social life in law school. "I'd like to start dating more," she says. Even so, marriage isn't in her immediate plans. "I always thought the person I'd marry would split the child-rearing responsibilities. I've thought about it in those terms, and am trying to find that match," she says. "And I'd want us to be financially stable before having a family," she adds.



*An equestrian, Talmudic scholar, and accomplished pianist, Judith Horwitz is taking a year off before starting medical school.*

**A**Piano-Playing Future M.D.: Judith Horwitz  
Not many future doctors gain admission to medical school without taking either the MCATs or physics—especially not during their sophomore year of college.

But Judith Horwitz did, through the Humanities and Medicine Program at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. The program, which encourages students to apply during the first semester of their sophomore year, is designed to entice students with more diverse interests than the typical pre-medical student.

“I was always interested in science,” says Horwitz, who was raised in Southfield, Mich. “I wanted to be an archeologist until eighth grade. Then I wanted to do medical research because I was fascinated by the Ebola virus. At the end of high school, medicine kicked in because I wanted to work with people and not just data.”

An accomplished pianist who performed in competitions, Horwitz intended to be a music major when she started at Barnard. By the end of her sophomore year, however, she wanted to broaden her studies beyond the subjects of music, science, and Talmud at the

Jewish Theological Seminary (as part of its Double Degree Program with Barnard). After discovering that sociology had many courses and topics of interest, she switched her major. “My father had told me that college is a time to get a liberal arts education, not prepare for a profession.”

She’s taking a year off before heading to medical school and is spending this summer working in the horseback-riding program at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a camp in Ashford, Conn., for children with blood diseases. An equestrian, she has applied to work in the fall at similar camps in South Africa and Botswana. She’ll then head to Israel in February, where she’ll work through May at a therapeutic horseback-riding center in Netanya.

“I want to be married within the next 10 years,” Horwitz says. “Kids are very, very important to me. I want to have kids as much as I want to be a doctor, and I expect I will choose my specialty to facilitate having a family.”

And as much as Horwitz has loved living in New York as an undergraduate, there’s no doubt about where she wants

to make her home. “After medical school, I’d prefer not to stay in New York. I want to be near my sister [Beth Horwitz ’06] and my parents, and I don’t want to raise kids in Manhattan.”

**A**Political Mind: Laila Shetty  
Laila Shetty exudes the kind of confidence that comes naturally to a gifted athlete and student leader.

A tennis player since age 8, Shetty—a recruited athlete—played for the Barnard-Columbia team as an undergraduate and made all-Ivy rank as a first-year student. She even took a semester off to play professionally in Canada, Europe, India, and Mexico, earning a pro ranking of 741 in singles and 300 in doubles.

On campus, Shetty pursued her interest in student government, getting elected as vice president of her class, officer to the executive board as a sophomore and, as a senior, president of Barnard’s Student Government Association. At graduation, she received the Frank Gilbert Bryson Prize for service to the College.



After entering Barnard “wanting to do pre-med,” Shetty didn’t end up taking any pre-med courses. Instead, drawing upon her long-term interest in government, she majored in economics, with a political science minor. “My lifelong goal is to do something in politics,” she says. “I’ve thought about doing something with government.”

Some of that ambition was fueled by a prestigious internship that the Peoria, Ill., native, obtained working with the press secretary in Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s New York office.

“I loved it,” recalls Shetty, who was active in getting Senator Clinton elected. “It was a great experience, and I learned more than I expected to.” As an intern, Shetty read through various publications to find ones that either mentioned the Senator, or would be of interest to her. Her other responsibilities included alerting television and radio stations about press conferences, and reading and summarizing newspaper editorials.

The week after commencement, she began working in sales and analysis at Pfizer Inc., covering Westchester County in New York. The position puts her strengths of “talking, negotiating and persuading” to use. “It’s something different, that for now I’m interested in, and will give me a basis to do a number of different things later in life.”

Although she admits “thinking about law school for a few minutes,” Shetty is content to enjoy the next two years working at Pfizer before contemplating further studies. “I’m hoping to go back to school, either in international affairs or for an MBA,” Shetty says.

She is quick to credit Barnard for the transformations that have taken place so far in her life.

In remarks that she made at graduation as SGA president, Shetty said, “We’ve learned more about ourselves at Barnard than at any other point in our lives. Today, I am leaving a much different person than when I entered four years ago, and I have the College to thank for most of that ... College has shown me that life is what you make of it, and if you reach high for success, you can pull down the sky.”

Despite her many accomplish-

ments and achievements, there have been some gaps that Shetty hopes to bridge after graduation.

Shetty confesses that she has been “too busy to have a long-term boyfriend. I’m sure the time will come when I’ll be ready to be in a serious relationship and have time. Looking into the future, I hope I’ll be married by my fifth reunion. I’ll definitely have children, but I can’t plan that far in advance right now.”

And, striking a somewhat wistful note, Shetty—whose father passed away shortly before graduation—says, “I just hope I’ll be happy in whatever I do, and with my life. Hopefully, I’ll have some free time!”

*What does the future hold for these five graduates? Stay tuned to Barnard. During the next five years, we’ll update you on their adventures and see how closely their expectations match where life takes them. ☒*

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*Merri Rosenberg ’78 contributes frequently to Barnard and writes regularly for the Westchester section of The New York Times.*

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*Athlete and student leader Laila Shetty (pictured in the Millicent McIntosh Student Center) now works in sales and analysis at Pfizer Inc.*



# The Alumnae Association of Barnard College

**T**here are more than 29,000 Barnard alumnae throughout the world. All of us belong to Barnard's alumnae association. Set up in 1895 by alumnae to support the College, we continue to connect to Barnard, each other, and our students. The home for alumnae on Barnard's campus is the Vagelos Alumnae Center, located in the historic Deanery.

## Highlights from the 2002-2003 Annual Report of the AABC President

Throughout the year, the Alumnae Affairs staff and many volunteers work to create programs, events, and communication tools that strengthen our ties to one another.

One of the most exciting events of the year was the official opening in October of our very own space on campus. Thanks to a generous gift from Diana T. Vagelos '55 and P. Roy Vagelos, our beloved Deanery was renovated and converted into the Diana '55 and P. Roy Vagelos Alumnae Center. Now, when you return to campus for lectures or events, there's a place for you to meet, interact with students, read the hundreds of books by alumnae authors or page through old year-books. I hope you'll stop by the center soon!

### REUNIONS

The reunion committee, under the visionary leadership of Cyndi Stivers '78, worked with the staff on an exciting reunion program that included the gala dinner on Saturday evening, screenings of alumnae films, activities for children, and area walking tours. Nearly 1,400 alumnae, their families, and guests attended Reunion 2003 (turn to page 22 for photographs of the events). Class officers created additional events just for their classes.

Throughout the year there were a number of mini-reunions at the homes of alumnae and at cultural venues throughout the country.

### THE BARNARD FUND

As of June 30, when Barnard's fiscal year ended, The Barnard Fund had received gifts of \$4.48 million—thank you for all of

your hard work! Alumnae participation in the Fund was 34.5%, and 41% of alumnae who had a reunion this year made a gift to the College. Barnard counts on gifts from annual giving to balance its operating budget, so contributions to the Fund are critical to the day-to-day life of the College.

Advising the Fund throughout the year is the alumnae committee for annual giving, a sub-committee of the AABC chaired by Jane Newham McGroarty '65.

Each year, dedicated alumnae volunteers around the country help raise money for the Fund, writing letters, making phone calls, and meeting with prospective donors. These leadership volunteers are a very important part of the success of the fund-raising efforts. Nothing is quite so effective as a call from another Barnard alumna!

Among the initiatives undertaken this year were increased programming for leadership donors with Anna Quindlen '74 as chair; a new series of solicitation appeals focusing on the qualities of our alumnae: "Barnard Women Break the Mold" and "Barnard Women Stand Apart"; and recognition of reunion classes with comprehensive giving to the College of \$2,000,000 or more.

### CLUBS AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Through the hard work of club leaders and regional representatives, Barnard alumnae in locations throughout the world enjoy each other's company at dinners, lectures, picnics, museum tours, and networking receptions. This year clubs were created or revitalized in Austin, Texas; Colorado; Long Island, N.Y.; and New Mexico. It's also noteworthy that this year alumnae volunteer leaders organized lectures by two Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists.

President Shapiro spoke to alumnae in Florida and San Francisco and participated

the L.A. Forum, a panel in Los Angeles on architecture and culture that featured a renowned architect (and Barnard parent), faculty member and an alumna. (The invitation received a Gold Medal award for visual design in print from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.)

Faculty also drew rave reviews from alumnae who attended lectures in New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Generous hosts included alumnae and parents of current students. This fall, Alumnae Affairs will launch an e-newsletter for club leaders.

### CAREERS

Several well-attended career-related programs were held this year. One extremely successful event featured Barnard alumnae leaders in the media. Another was the annual "Smart Women, Smart Money" breakfast for alumnae in business, which featured Alexandra Lebenthal, president of Lebenthal, a division of Advest, Inc., as the speaker.

### LIFE STAGE

In the past year we worked to create programming focused on an alumna's many life-stages.

Under the leadership of AABC Vice President Lisa Phillips Davis '76, the Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers) was formed. This group designs programs and hosts discussion groups focused on issues of motherhood. Alma Maters hosted a lecture by Mary Catherine Bateson (author of *Composing a Life*; see article on page 9) and led a group of alumnae and their families to a December performance of the Nutcracker.

The AABC also hosted a panel for women facing retirement. In the coming year, we'll host discussion groups that delve more deeply into this important stage in women's lives.



For the third year, we hosted on-campus "Lunch and Learn" events for alumnae who graduated in the 1950s and earlier. Alumnae authors Hortense Calisher '32 and Belva Plain '37 both drew large crowds for the ever-popular event.

## STUDENT/ALUMNAE CONNECTIONS

During the students' winter break, Alumnae Affairs worked with alumnae volunteers to create "Connections Parties" for students and alumnae in Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Students had a chance to network with alumnae from their hometowns and learn what it might be like to settle in one of these cities.

Alumnae Affairs partnered for the third year with the Office of Career Development to organize a sophomore/alumnae mentorship program. This program will serve as a springboard for similar programs in the future.

Staff worked with student leaders on the annual Senior Class Dinner in the spring. Keynote speaker Elizabeth Yeh Singh '88 talked about shifting her career to cookbook author from business reporter.

Staff also worked with a committee of students and AABC board member Enid Lotstein Ringer '83 to create a series of student/alumnae teas at the Vagelos Alumnae Center.

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Barnard* staff worked with Alexis Gelber '74, chair of the AABC communications committee, on the magazine's redesign. Now printed in four-color, *Barnard* continues to profile alumnae in a wide range of endeavors and bring us campus news. The new look has garnered rave reviews from many alumnae.

Another highly successful tool for communication among alumnae and the College is the alumnae Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum). Last year we launched an online community with an alumnae directory, e-mail forwarding, message boards, yellow pages, and an events calendar. We hope you'll all use these tools to keep up-to-date with campus news and one another.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Two AABC members received important honors during Commencement. Judith Miller '69, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter at *The New York Times* who spoke at Commencement, received the Barnard Medal of Distinction (see article on page 7). The Alumni Federation of Columbia University honored trustee Constance Alexander Krueger '53 with the Alumni Medal for

Conspicuous Service to the University (see article on page 47). We congratulate them both.

A highlight of the Reunion program each year is the presentation of awards to outstanding Barnard alumnae. This year we bestowed the Distinguished Alumna Award on Dr. Rochelle Reibman Hirschhorn '53 for her outstanding career in medicine (see article on page 39). Helene L. Kaplan '53, lawyer and Barnard trustee emerita and chair emerita, received the Recognition Award for Service to Barnard (see article on page 43). Judith S. Kaye '58, Chief Judge of the State of New York, was named Woman of Achievement 2003 (see article on page 51); actor Cynthia Nixon '88 received the Young Alumnae Award (see article on page 61).

The AABC Fellowship Fund allows us to recognize the academic performance and potential accomplishments of alumnae and graduating seniors with grants for graduate study. Funds for these awards come from the AABC and the Edith and Frances Mulhall Achilles Memorial Fund. From an extraordinary group of 75 applicants, the fellowship committee, chaired by Hadassah Brooks Morgan '57, M.D., chose six recipients: Amy Boutell '98 (creative writing), Robin Effron '01 (law), Mary Beth Keane '99 (writing), Audrey Leigh '99 (politics), Bari Meltzer '97 (sociology), and Rana Samuels '94 (environmental engineering).

## METROPOLITAN AREA PROGRAMMING

Barnard departments continue to create hundreds of special programs each year open to all alumnae. A highlight of the year was The Barnard Summit: Women and Health. You can find out about upcoming campus events at [www.barnard.edu](http://www.barnard.edu) and alumnae events in your community at [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum).

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Plans are underway for the next Leadership Council, our biannual volunteer training conference, which will be held at Barnard on October 17 and 18, 2003.

## ALUMNAE OF COLOR

A highlight of the year for Barnard alumnae of color is a festive dinner held during Reunion. On Thursday, May 29, nearly 90 alumnae returned to enjoy each other's company and hear Elvita Dominique '03 talk about her thesis on the experiences of black women at Barnard in the 1960s and 1970s. Afterward, a Barnard African dance class performed, and many attendees joined in the dancing.

## YOUNG ALUMNAE

The AABC young alumnae committee, under the leadership of Shilpa Bahri '99, continued to create events for our younger alumnae. A particularly successful program was a chocolate tasting that drew a large crowd of alumnae back to campus.

## IN CONCLUSION

This has been a full and exciting first year as AABC president. My enthusiasm and love for the College has only grown through my work with alumnae, students, administration, faculty, and trustees. I'm continually humbled by the Barnard women I meet, whether by their wit, intellect, achievement or plain common sense. As a resident of Arlington, Va., I'm keenly aware of the need to reach our alumnae outside of the New York metropolitan area. Our clubs are the focus for those efforts and we're pleased by all the strides that we've made this year to build and strengthen those programs.

My sincere thanks extend this year to many, but particularly to the AABC Board, a group of gifted and dedicated women, for their strong leadership and unselfish commitment to the College; Roberta Waterstone Albert '92, director of alumnae affairs, for her vision, support, and consistent late nights on our behalf; Mew Chiu '95 and Vanessa Corba '96, associate directors of alumnae affairs; Aidan Smith '97, manager of regional alumnae programming, and the staff of the Alumnae Affairs office for their tireless efforts on behalf of all alumnae.

We pay tribute to those who served on the AABC Board this year, with special thanks to members whose terms ended as of Reunion 2003: Judy Acs '84, Rosa Alonso '82, Julie Bittenweiser '88, Linda Rappaport Ferber '66, and Daphne Fodor Philipson '69.

We also welcome our new slate of officers to the AABC board: Laurie Wolf Bryk '78, treasurer; Janet Williams Helman '56, alumnae trustee; Lori Hoepner '94, nominating; Eileen Lee Moy '73, careers; Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63, director-at-large; Lynn Rothstein '78, leadership council; and Patricia Tinto '76, regional clubs.

I began the year with a vision that the AABC would, through its activities, build a culture of "coming back" to Barnard and build a culture of "giving back" to Barnard. We're so pleased by all the ways you give back to the College, whether it's by interviewing prospective students, providing internships for current students, participating in phonathons, being mentors, endowing scholarships, or contributing to The Barnard Fund. We couldn't do it without you!

—Margarita (Ari) Brose Orr '84



# CLASS NOTES

**25** At 98, **Louise Rosenblatt** is still going strong, and traveling to Miami every winter—to teach a course! **Marie Iskian Tevonian** passed away in White Plains, N.Y., in June 2002. Her sister, Anahid, shared information on her life. Marie, who was a survivor of the Armenian genocide of the early 20th century, was an artist, a librarian, and manager of a hotel near Tanglewood, N.Y. She enjoyed dinner parties, gardening swimming, and trips to the opera.

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**29** I was delighted to be invited to the Torchbearers' Reception at Barnard. I met Sara Israel '05, the recipient of the **Anny Birnbaum Brieger** and **Edith Birnbaum Oblatt** '29 Scholarship Fund. Her academic interests include biology and genetics, and she also finds time to volunteer in many activities at Barnard.

I was also fortunate to meet and have a cozy chat with the two recipients of the **Marian Churchill White** '29 Scholarship, **Jehoo Lee** '04 and **Katherine Camp** '05. Katherine hailed from Pennsylvania and spoke French exceedingly well, as she was born in Paris.

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**32** **Elsie Rapp Schulik** and her husband recently moved to a retirement facility in Plano, Texas. She writes, "It's certainly strange for my husband and me (both Brooklyn-born) to be living here, learning to eat catfish and hush puppies, and to say 'fixin' to' and 'y'all.'" Elsie reads a lot, plays bridge, and enjoys symphony concerts and operas with her husband, who long ago introduced her to classical music.

**Hortense Calisher** still lives in New York with her husband, Curtis Harnack, and also has a home in upstate New York, where the family convenes for the summer. Curtis is working on the sequel to his memoirs of Iowa; her most recent novel, *Sunday Jews*, came out last year. Hortense serves on

the Human Rights Watch and the Japanese Translation committees. She spoke at Barnard's "Lunch and Learning" series last year. She writes, "Under President Judith Shapiro, the college seems vibrant indeed."

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**Mildred Kreeger Davidson** called from New York in February to say that she's doing well in her own apartment in the city.

**Nanette Kolbitz Lavery** passed away in November 2002, as we were informed by her son, Scott. She grew up in New York and was an English major at Barnard. She was married to Harold Lavery. Nanette was living in New Jersey at the time of her death.

The College received a memorial gift from Andrew Thomas, in honor of his mother, **Mary Arnold Thomas**, who passed away in December 2002.

Ursula Reinhardt Freimarck '37, who lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., sent a report from the *University Record* about the keynote address given by **Grace Chin Lee Boggs** at the University of Michigan's Martin Luther King Symposium in January. The annual symposium runs for more than five weeks and features many distinguished

speakers. Grace urged continuing the University's "courageous and righteous" battle for affirmative action.

I was honored by a birthday party given at the Independence Village by my children for my 90th birthday in May. There were more than 50 guests, who included relatives and friends.

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**Florence Alonso** saw her daughters, Janet and Kristin. Janet lives in Scotsdale, Ariz., and Kristin is in California, taking a post-graduate course in library technology. Florence still shelves books in her county branch library and takes care of her two acres of land at her home in Arizona.

**Helen May Strauss** and **Sonya Turitz Schopick** attended the bat mitzvah of the late Gertrude Graff Herrnschadt's granddaughter, Emma, in Somerville, N.J. The rabbi called the event a "double header," since she shared it with a bar mitzvah boy. Gertrude's daughter, Mary, did a wonderful job of bringing together fascinating people for the occasion, including quite a few from all phases of Gertrude's life. Our faithful fund chair, **Adair Brasted Gould**, reports that there are still 87 octogenarian members of 1936, and that "we far outdistance the other classes of the 1930s" in our support for Barnard, a record to be proud of. Adair, who lives in Delaware, says her travels now are mainly to visit her children. Like my far-flung brood, she reports that "happily, they all live in interesting places."

I returned from a month on the West Coast, a long trip undertaken with trepidation about my ability to travel, to visit, and promote my book, *Weather of the Heart*. I managed pretty well in spite of my limited walking range and shortened energy span. I visited my daughter, Jimi, in Seattle, spent a couple of weeks in San Francisco with my daughter, Jill, and ended up in Los Angeles at Book Expo America, an enormous booksellers' convention. I've found that marketing is twice as hard as writing.

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**37** **Ruth Wurts Burt** writes that her husband, Clifton, passed away in March 2002, at 96. They were married for more than 60 years. Ruth is active in church work and swims a half-mile every morning in her outdoor, heated pool.

**38** Reunion was busy and fun! Our class president, **Leonore Schanhous Krieger**, was impressed by the hospitality of the College during Reunion. She enjoyed the lecture on non-violence by Professor Dennis Dalton and the opportunity to chat with classmates.

According to **Helen Hirsch Acker**, who kept a better count than I did, there were about 31 people crowded into the Vagelos Alumnae Center dining room for our class dinner. From the noise level, I would say everyone was talking up a storm. Dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour, which was graced by President Shapiro, whose comments were delightful.

Leonore and **Vera Halper Schiller** were successful in calling people to attend Reunion, then they worked even harder at making everybody feel welcome.

During dinner, I handed out note cards for attendees to write their news on. Perhaps some of you will do me the honor of mailing in a tidbit of information or comment for future issues. The longest response came from **Doris Wolf Escher**, who attended medical school at New York University and married George Escher in 1938. After her internship and residency, she began work at Montefiore Hospital where she started a new program as a cardio-renal fellow. Her son, Jeffrey, was born in 1947 and her daughter, Daralynn, in 1950—the same year that Doris started “a diagnostic cath lab” at Montefiore, one of the first in the country. After 38 years, she went on “theoretical part time,” (about 50 hours a week) and in 1997, she went on “real part time,” working about three days a week.

**Helen Hirsch Acker** says that Leonore and the other class officers deserve congratulations for a wonderful event. Helen’s involved in planning and executing Carnegie East, a new senior housing facility in Manhattan, run by a nonprofit foundation of which she’s one of the founders and an officer.

**Marjorie Harwich Drabkin**, who attended a lunch at Reunion, suggests that those of us who live in New York might get together from time to time and have discussions about child rearing and issues facing working mothers. Nice idea, Marjorie. Maybe we can do something about it.

**Emma Coulter Ware** was glad she came, though she didn’t know anyone

upon arrival. She complimented Vera Halper Schiller by saying that she came all the way from St. Louis because of Vera’s phone call to her. She also complimented the lovely people from Alumnae Affairs. In particular, she mentions Heidi Williamson, who was ever-present for all of us. **Ruth Frankfurter Lehr** offers warm thanks to Leonore and Vera, who made our reunion feel much like a friendly family.

**Elaine Glaston Miller** is impressed by the accomplishments of recent graduating classes as reported in the magazine, and hopes Barnard continues to give women the ability to take their places in the world.

**Sofia Simmonds Fruton** writes from New Haven, Conn., to say she regretted not attending Reunion but sends her best regards to everyone.

**Katherine Horsley Bohlen** also regretted being unable to attend. Three years ago, she became legally blind. Before that, she was a painter, a photographer, and an avid golfer. She still enjoys playing golf and being close to her two great grandchildren. **Mary Hayes** was unable to attend because of poor health. Her sister, Patricia Hayes Keough ’45, reports that Mary broke her hip last fall. She offers her best wishes to our class, and says that anyone wanting to reach Mary can contact her. Patricia’s contact information can be found through me as well as Alumnae Affairs.

**Dorothy Schubert Gilbert** also sends her best wishes to her classmate and regrets not being able to attend. She divides her year between Dorset, Vt., and Holmes Beach, Fla.

On a sad note, I regret to report that **Edith Cohen Polk** died in November 2002. We offer our sympathy to her daughter and two sons.

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near West Point. There’s a lovely group of 100 people where she lives.

**Esther Anderson Marrs** spent Christmas with her three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren in Nashville, Tenn. Her twin sons are in Ohio, and she attended the wedding of one of her sons.

Even though **Emily Turk Obst** broke her kneecap in the spring, she headed to Chicago in June to visit her son, daughter-in-law, and stepsons. She does publicity for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. She plays bridge, but her hobby is genealogy.

**Vivian Paruta** has been reading *Lake in the Clouds*, by Sarah Donati. **Toussia Kremer Pines** lost her husband last year, three days after their 61st wedding anniversary. But the children are flourishing. She has two granddaughters; one’s a linguist who goes to Wesleyan University and speaks seven languages, and the other will be going to Columbia in the fall.

**Millicent Bridegroom Di Guiseppe** traveled to Yellowstone Park for the second time. The first time she visited, she was only 7. She was accompanied by two nephews from California and Montana.

**Denyse Barbet** always welcomes visitors. Though she has trouble getting around, she enjoys a beautiful view of trees from the third floor of her home in Costa Rica.

We are sorry to report the deaths of our classmates. **Janet Younker Willen**, **Elizabeth Stengel DeWitt**, **Elizabeth Brupbacher Griesing**, and **Antoinette Vaughn Wagner** passed away in February. Antoinette had 9 children, 23 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed dressing up as Maxine, the Hallmark character created by her son, John.

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#### 65TH REUNION: JUNE 3-JUNE 6, 2004

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**Charlotte Hall Reid** enjoys her grandchildren and works part time as reporter for the Lakeville Journal in Connecticut. She also tutors Hispanics who’ve moved to the area. **Gertrude Eisenbud** lives in Rockville Center, N.Y. Her daughter also lives in the state and Gertrude finds time to plays bridge once a week. C. di Benedetto Hession lives in Goshen, N.Y.,

**40** **Margaret (Peggy) Pardee Bates** visited New York in April and made plans to have lunch with Barnard friends in the area, at the Cosmopolitan Club, to which she belongs to. Unfortunately, fate stepped in with accidents, illnesses, and other unexpected commitments, so on the chosen day, only three were able to come—**Ann Landau Kwitman**, **Joy Latmann Wouk**, and **Florence Dubroff Shelley**.

**Agnes Cassidy Serbaroli** was unable to attend the lunch as she fell as she was about to get off a city bus, striking her head on the pavement. Very fortunately, and almost miraculously, she wasn’t seriously hurt. But she was badly bruised. She had two black eyes and said she looked like

a cross between a panda and a raccoon—humor always helps! Agnes is slowly recuperating and we send all good wishes to Agnes for a complete and speedy recovery.

From the College, via **Florence Dubroff Shelley**, comes news of our 1940 Memorial Scholarship winner, Karen Chan '05. Karen is interested in biology, and plant and animal physiology. She is an assistant in the Barnard's chemistry department, and enjoys playing the trumpet. Florence had hoped to meet Karen at the Torchbearers' Reception in April, but Karen was unable to attend due to a lab that afternoon.

Speaking of scholarships, as of June 30, 2002, the Class of 1940 Memorial Scholarship Fund had a book value of \$122,048, and a market value of \$139,204. A scholarship fund enables Barnard to offer much-needed financial assistance to students such as Karen. If you haven't contributed, please do!

**Ann Landau Kwitman** attended Barnard's "Lunch and Learning" series, sponsored by the AABC, at which Belva Plain '37 was the guest speaker. Ann reports that we missed an interesting program.

In Frederick, Md., **Gertrude Delvy Candela** celebrated her 85th birthday, and says she's still travelling.

**June Rossbach Bingham Birge** now has her own Web site for her writings—thanks to the suggestion of a daughter and the skills of a grandson. June's work be found at [www.binghamlitbits.com](http://www.binghamlitbits.com).

This time alas, we have another death to report. **Marguerite Barnola Kleinschmidt** passed away last December. She is survived by two daughters, three sons, and a brother. We send our deepest sympathy to her family.

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**41** In March, **Irene Lyons Murphy** participated in the Third World Water Forum in Japan, a special set of panels on international river basins—a specialty of Irene's from her days in the U.S. Department of Interior. While there, Irene toured Osaka, and took a bullet train to Kyoto. In July, Irene attended a mini-reunion of the Women's Caucus of the International Political Science Association. Irene also visited family in Los Angeles and saw **Rudd (Helen) Owen Brown**. At home in Washington, D.C., Irene has gotten together with **Naomi Sells Berlin**, and toured museums with **Elizabeth Koenig Van Bergen**, who was visiting from New York.

**Carol Camblon Flick** passed away on Dec. 25, 2002. We were notified by her

son, Hugh. **Meredith Wright** also died in January. Meredith is survived by a brother and a sister. To all their relatives, we send our sympathy and condolences.

**Helen Sessinghaus Blackmon** died in May. Her daughter, Ann, writes, "My mother died peacefully and quickly and up until the last two days, she recognized me and smiled when I fed her breakfast. I know Barnard was a very important part of her life and most of her close friends date back to her time there." Helen was devoted to Barnard. Looking back at her participation in Barnard life through the mid-1980s, she had six stints of five years each (that's 30 years!) of being a class officer. In 1946 and again in 1966, she was class secretary. In 1961 (shared with **Ethel Stone LeFrak**) she was one of the two fund co-chairs. In 1971, she was vice president, and in 1976, she was president.

**Ethel Stone LeFrak's** husband, Samuel, died in April. Samuel LeFrak had an enormous influence on humanitarian causes and education. The gymnasium at Barnard named after him is just one expression of Ethel and Sam's affection for young people, and for Barnard.

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**42** **Mabel Schubert Foust** continues her work with the Church Mouse Thrift Shop in West Palm Beach, Fla. Our perpetual athlete, **Glafyra Fernandez Ennis**, presented a paper on "The Utopian Jury System Under Siege" at the Ladies Literary Club in Northampton, Mass. **Barbara Heinzen Colby** reports that her daughter, Christine, and her family, are slated to return to the United States after nearly eight years in Asia. **Edith Cannon Herbst** has an infection in her one good eye and is temporarily dependent on friends for transportation. I'm still active in the Light House Shelter in Annapolis, Md.

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our classmates, **Rosemary Graff McMahon** and **Margaret George Peacock**. Margaret had worked closely with **Edith Cannon Herbst**, **Lillian Rutherford Roma**, and Margaret Mather Mecke '49 on a special tribute for the American Association of Alumnae Women of the Cape, in honor of Dean Gildersleeve, at the time of the 100th anniversary of Dean Gildersleeve's birth.

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**43** **Virginia Donchian Murray** sold her apartment in Riverdale, N.Y., and moved to Brunswick, Maine. She regrets being unable to attend Reunion, as does **Mary Virginia Callcott-Hall**, who lives in California. Mary has undergone two major surgeries in the past two years. She sends a "huge hello to Barnard and New York."

**Sylvia Klion Disenhof** has been up and down the past year, with pneumonia and a knee operation. She teaches immigrants and has been participating in a Hadassah study group for 25 years. She is giving a lecture series on Islam and Judaism. Sylvia's twin grandchildren marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, and her granddaughter on the West Coast danced the lead in a ballet.

**Eileen Otte Ford** participated on a panel on body image at Reunion (see article on page 6).

60TH REUNION: JUNE 3-JUNE 6, 2004

**44** Although **Shirley Sexauer Harrison** is moving from Bayside, N.Y., to Madison, Wis., she promises to fly in for our 60th reunion next year. Her adult living apartment in Madison is near the University of Wisconsin campus, many cultural venues, and her daughter, Joan.

Shirley lunched with **Helen Cahn Weil** and **Jacqueline Shadgen Menage**. The next day, she shared omelettes with **Florence Levine Seligman** and **Barbara Meyer** at a restaurant with no other entrées on the menu. "Only in New York," commented Shirley.

**Elizabeth Yoerg Schumacher**, who relocated from Mexico City to Dallas, writes: "With deep sadness I report the sudden death of my beloved friend of over 60 years, **Jean Nunn Tunis**, on February 28. That very week I'd received a letter in her fine, strong hand outlining a trip we planned to take by car to Santa Fe, N.M. Three days later, Jean's daughter called with the shocking news. We remember her warm, vibrant spirit, her unfailing sense of humor and positive outlook and our lives are greatly diminished by her loss, having been so enriched by her presence."

Jean transferred from Smith to Barnard (where she was interested in geology, the World Series and bridge, I might add). She went on for a master's degree in interior design at Western Reserve and, as an OSS



member, interpreted maps and messages during World War II. She taught housing and design at the University of Texas in the 1960s, and was devoted to her friends, church, community, and family.

**Lorina (Patty) Havill** passed away in January. Music was her life. At Barnard, she was on the music and dance committees for the Greek Games. Afterward, she became a longtime faculty member at the Juilliard School of Music. An author and composer of piano books, she toured internationally, giving solo concerts, and maintained a large piano studio in New Jersey.

Another longtime New Jersey resident, **Mary Cayot Mihatov**, died in February. We commuted on the same bus line to Barnard across the George Washington Bridge. Mary used her French and Spanish skills in teaching, tutoring, interpreting, and administering. At Barnard, dancing was her favorite indoor sport.

**Helen Mitchell Sozio** passed away in April. Our yearbook described her as a

"sociology major whose only sure after-graduation plans are to avoid office work of any kind." We hope she managed that. Unfortunately, our class notes hold little information about the years between graduation and Helen's death. She's survived by two sons, who undoubtedly benefited by the "enthusiasm, love of life and laughter" attributed to their mother by her college classmates.

Let's all aim for Reunion 2004. We hope to see **Mary Lapwing Coan**, who's recovering from a spell of poor health and finds that things are looking up!

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**45** Our mini-reunion was held at the Cloisters in May and I received this report from **Azelle Brown Waltcher**. Other atten-

dees included: **Jean Neel Ayer**, **June Wals Freeman**, **Annette Auld Kaicher**, **Sibyl Polke Karn**, **Bernice Lindenberg Leicher**, **Eleanor Wax Mamelok**, **Avra Kessler Mark**, and **Ruth Carson West**, and Shirley Sexaucer Harrison '44. They had a fine tour with a docent, followed by lunch at the nearby New Leaf Café.

**Aurelia (Ray) Raciti Pouder** regretted that she and her husband were away that day, but sends her love to everyone. **Joan Wright Goodman**, who lives in Oakland, Calif., suggested having mini-reunions in New York during the Metropolitan opera seasons, since she and her husband visit twice a year to attend the opera and visit their son, who lives and works in the city. Joan has some medical problems and was anticipating a knee replacement operation, but enjoys attending a Barnard alumnae book club where she calls herself "the grandmother" of the group. Joan's children gave her and her



## ALUMNA PROFILE: ROCHELLE REIBMAN HIRSCHHORN '53

### Recipient, Distinguished Alumna Award 2003

**D**rawing insects in a biology class seemed like a redundant task to Dr. Rochelle Reibman Hirschhorn '53, when she was a sophomore at Barnard. Hadn't all insects been photographed and drawn before? Then her professor asked her, "What if you were to discover something new?"

"I had a fundamental realization," says Hirschhorn, a professor of medicine, cell biology, and pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine, and chief of the division of medical genetics in the department of medicine. "Everything written down isn't all there is to it. Through looking at things closely you may find a unique observation—there are things in the world awaiting discovery."

After entering Barnard on a Regents Scholarship as an economics major, Hirschhorn switched to chem-

istry in her junior year. Accepted at NYU School of Medicine before completing her pre-med classes, she married Kurt Hirschhorn—now a highly successful human geneticist—her senior year. Hirschhorn completed medical school and an internship in internal medicine before taking time off to have two children (she later had a third).

This year Barnard has honored Hirschhorn with the Distinguished Alumna Award for her accomplishments in the field of inherited diseases. Her research has garnered awards including a merit grant from the National Institutes of Health, the Jeffrey Model Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Berson Alumni Achievement Award from NYU School of Medicine. She is dedicated to her work outside the office, holding a variety of offices in many professional societies. Hirschhorn

says she was honored to be the first woman elected as a member of the Interurban Clinical Club, an invitation-only society of which she later became president.

In the course of her career, Hirschhorn says she's had "the great fortune" to see the two diseases she works with achieve clinical therapeutic trials: Glycogen Storage Disease Type II, a muscle disease, and adenosine deaminase deficiency, an immunodeficiency disorder. "You have to enjoy the day-to-day part of what you do, as well as find it exciting to find answers."

—Jennifer L. Hanson



husband a great 50th anniversary party last year. Among the guests were **Hendrika Bestebreurtje Cantwell** and her husband.

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**46 Elizabeth Hess Jelstrup**, who lives in Durham, N.C., took her family to Denmark in August 2002 for three weeks to celebrate her sister-in-law's 90th birthday. They were able to "drive around that peaceful country full of lush fields, and surrounded by sandy (or rocky) beaches."

**Sally Crane Summerell** reports that she and **Virginia Sarafianos McCrory** spent two weeks this spring in Costa Rica. Sally writes, "We saw the country from horseback, from rubber raft winding down a river amid rapids, from kayaks, catamarans, and in Virginia's case, from tube-zapping down a 600-yard water slide! I passed on that one. Miraculously, we're both in one piece!"

We send all thoughts of sympathy to the family of **Helen Swift Gates**, who died in August 2002. Helen, who lived in Woods Hole, Mass., is survived by her brother and children.

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**47 Helen De Vries Edersheim** had lunch in Palm Beach, Fla., with **Ruth Rosenberg Lapidés**, **Marilyn Mittelman Check**, **Nancy Nachman Kops**, and **Georgia Rubin Mittelman**. The quintet had such a good time that they lingered over lunch for four hours, and when Helen returned with her husband for dinner, the waiter asked him, "Do you know what time your wife left here after lunch?"

Since reaching retirement age, we've been racking up a phenomenal number of travel hours, so it's not surprising that we should encounter one another in unexpected places. **Nancy Cameron Dickinson** returned in May from a tour of Sicily, and among the 28 tour members was a classmate—**Anne Gibson Colahan**, and her husband. Anne was a senior transfer, but has spent her life in the Columbia neighborhood; her husband has been a Columbia professor and dean. Like Nancy, Anne has a Barnard daughter: Charity Colahan Donnan '88.

I phoned Anne to catch up on her life after Barnard. After graduation, she

worked as an editor for the *New York State Journal of Medicine*. In 1952, she accompanied her husband, who was on a fellowship, on a two-year stay in England and Scotland. Returning to the States, she worked as a freelance editor until the late 1950s, when she and her husband were in South Korea from 1957 through 1959. There, she edited the opposition newspaper. Beginning in 1960, Anne worked for the next 30 years as a freelance medical editor for the American Heart Association, and since 1976, has been an office manager for a pediatrician as well. (She still works there, though she's semi-retired.)

**Erna Ebeling de Anna** has lived a quiet but rewarding life in Bedminster, N.J. After raising five children (and she now has two great-grandchildren!) she and her husband celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Erna has taught religion classes for 30 years, and participates in neighborhood and church outreaches. She sums up her life as fulfilling and joyful, "even through those difficult periods which almost every family experiences at times." She writes, "We are both blessed and boring." Blessed yes, but boring, not at all! This is a truly successful life. Can you report anything like that?

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**48** No drum rolls needed: our 55th Reunion was fabulous! We were happy to welcome a significant number of husbands (thank you for coming, gentlemen!). But we were sorry to miss those who couldn't attend. We hope that you'll come back to campus for our stunning 60th reunion in 2008. Contact me if you'd like names/addresses/phone numbers of this year's attendees.

We were challenged, inspired, instructed, and entertained by the variety of excellent programs and activities. Dennis Dalton, professor of political science, lectured on nonviolence today. A panel titled, "Why They Hate Us: How the Rest of the World Views America," featured alumnae from *Newsweek*, the United Nations, and Barnard professor of religion and Ingeborg Rennert Professor in Judaic Studies, Alan Segal. Sobering, informative, and thought-provoking: how the world has changed since 1948. On a lighter note (no pun intended), an alumnae panel wrestled with the topic "Do I Look Fat in This? The

Battle Over Body Image" (see article on page 6).

It wasn't just talk: a rousing performance of tap dances by Margaret Morrison '83 and ensemble tap dancing by some of her Barnard students (yes, we have a dance major!) provided marvelous entertainment to a packed house.

We also enjoyed a reading and interview with Erica Jong '63, introducing her latest book, *Sappho's Leap* (see "Books, etc.," page 15).

Throughout Reunion, we were struck by the contrast of talented women from so many different fields. This was exemplified by the College's Young Alumna Award to actor Cynthia Nixon '88, and the Woman of Achievement award to Judith S. Kaye '58, Chief Judge of the State of New York. In our list of attendees for the class, we note at least three M.D.s, five Ph.D.s, and multiple master's degrees and professional women. Many more of you are out there!

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday afternoon cocktail reception at the home of **Eleanor (Elly) Thomas Elliott** and her husband, Jock. During this golden hour of rediscovery and renewal of friendships, we pondered questions posed by **Muriel Fox**: What are we most proud of? What do we regret? What are we planning for the future? Circling around the room, we're proudest of the work we've done, achievements in our chosen fields, respect and appreciation we've earned from others, and our children. We regret the paths not taken, the academic and professional opportunities that we missed or didn't act upon at a critical time, and the personal losses (illness, death of loved ones) that were beyond our control. Our future goals: to make the most of the time and opportunities now available to us; to take action to support our convictions; to spend more time with our women friends (as we did throughout Reunion); and to help our communities and the world. Our heartfelt thanks to the Elliots for hosting our party.

Special thanks to **Fran Dowd Smith**, who tirelessly crafted the Class of 1948 bookmarks in cross-stitch for each attendee. We can only imagine the hours this labor of love entailed.

And again, our thanks to the many classmates who telephoned and/or wrote notes to every 1948 alumna to invite her to attend (see list of networkers in the spring issue). If you weren't contacted, please write to me at the address below, and tell me something about yourself. We want to stay connected!

News about the many classmates who weren't able to attend this reunion will appear in the next issue.

Sadly, we must report the deaths of two classmates: **Jean Mansfield Carey** in



December 2002 and **Marjorie Lincoln** in December 2000. Our condolences to their families and friends.

Mea culpa: We apologize for several errors that appeared in the column from the spring issue. **Adele Kostellow Morrill** has not retired from the Albert Einstein Medical School. She's still writing, consulting, and teaching, but is no longer directing laboratory research. **Emily McMurray Mead's** activities should have referred to her think tank on state issues (in New Hampshire—not Staten Island). **Marian Riegel Ross's** trip to Spain was with a daughter (not granddaughter).

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**49** In March, I met at Barnard with **Marilyn Heggie de Lalio** and **Helen McLaughlin** for the "Lunch and Learning" series with Belva Plain '37. Belva was an inspiring, charming speaker, and enjoyable author. Helen retired from her job as a principal, and enjoys attending opera, plays, and museum exhibits. Marilyn welcomed another grandson has arrived. She now lives in Woodbury, Long Island, so that she can enjoy him and the year-old twin granddaughters, who are the children of her son, John.

None of us "49ers" have done much yet towards planning our class reunion, but Alumnae Affairs has started the ball rolling. On May 6, the class officers were invited to a Reunion 2004 briefing meeting at the Vagelos Alumnae Center. **Martha Gross Fink** and I attended the session. Barnard is making a greater variety of programs available to all classes and encouraging family attendance for the entire weekend. We 49ers will probably have our first planning meeting in the fall. Contact me or Yvette or **Marilyn Karmason Spritz**, class president, if you want to help or have suggestions.

**Martha Gross Fink** edited the class book for our 50th reunion. Martha and her husband, Max, a physician, enjoy visiting their children in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Virginia. They took a trip to India last year, combining it with medical conferences. Is the Barnard example reflected in the fact that both daughters are teaching at women's colleges? Martha is involved in the English as a Second Language program at the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

My husband, Tom, and I combined a visit to a doctor in Philadelphia with a visit to Wayne, Pa., to see **Annabel Simonds Fielitz** and her husband, Dick. We dis-

## ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, the AABC awards fellowships for graduate study to Barnard seniors or alumnae who show exceptional promise in their chosen fields. In 2003 five awards were made and the total amount was \$32,500.

To learn more about the fellowship program and obtain application forms, visit the Barnard Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum) or call or write:

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**50** A great time was had by all at our mini-reunion in March, which consisted of a luncheon and an off-Broadway matinee play.

After 52 years of steady work, **Jean Moore Cooper** retired in September 2002. She's just beginning to like it and wonders how she managed a 48-hour work-week, constant house guests, and baby-sitting for the grandchildren. She still doesn't feel that "foot loose and fancy feet," but maybe soon.

**Charlotte Jarvis Brewer** missed our mini-reunion because she was skiing at Mt-Tremblant in Quebec with her grandchildren, 8 and 10, and their mother during spring break. Last Christmas, all of Charlotte's grandchildren seemed happy to know and understand their Christmas presents from her were through her church's alternate giving program, provid-

ing a llama to a family in Bolivia, and a water buffalo in Laos.

**Eleanor Holland Finley** is happy in Atlanta, where her grandson, 1, lives seven minutes away. Her other grandchildren in Virginia give her an excuse to visit. In March, **Marilyn Winter Bottjer** conducted a class in traditional rug hooking at the American Folk Art Museum in New York. She was instrumental in planning and carrying out the first Annual Rug Hooking Day at the museum.

In May, paintings of **Myra Koh Sobel** were exhibited at the Citibank branch at Madison Avenue and 65th Street in New York. They will remain there through the summer. **Vera Polgar John-Steiner** is the Presidential Professor in linguistics and education at the University of New Mexico. *Creative Collaboration*, her most recent book, was published by Oxford University Press. She travels a lot professionally, and this summer she traveled to Helsinki, Finland, Toronto, and Cambridge, Mass. As her grandchildren are on the East Coast, she appreciates invitations that take her in that direction. Vera lives in an adobe house in Santa Fe.

In March, **Margarida Pyles West** and her husband moved to their "cabin in the woods," in Bridgehampton, N.Y. It was very traumatic to leave Montclair, N.J., after almost 40 years, but they're "downsizing"—a necessary step at 75 years. Fortunately, they're in relatively good health and are still active in the struggle against poverty.

**Betty Mullen Cosgrove** and her

husband, Tony, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and nine grandchildren. **Christina Lam-mers Hirschhorn** has become a partner and financial director of mid-Atlantic clinical studies in West Caldwell, N.J. She met her co-partner, James Garofolo (C '50), when they were pre-med students. Their company tests new medications for pharmaceutical companies. Her husband, Howard, is in Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Vineland, N.J.

**Yolanda Pyles Wesely** is co-chairing the Westchester Health Action Coalition, which is working with many local and national organizations to educate the public about universal health care. She writes, "I'm passionate about the need for change. We're the only industrialized nation without universal health care!"

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independent schools and participation in the supervision of the staff psychologists. She and her husband, Herbert, plan on spending more time visiting their seven grandchildren and pursuing cultural adventures that have always excited their interest. Congratulations, Lucille, and enjoy your retirement!

Unfortunately, I have some sad news as well. **Ashby Jenkins Willcox** passed away last December and **Ursula McEnroy Theobald** passed away in January. Our heartfelt condolences go to the families of both classmates.

As mentioned in the fall issue, **Paula Reiner Cohn** and yours truly went on an elderhostel trip to Santa Fe, N.M., in March. We didn't have the sunshine for which New Mexico is famous, because at 7,000 feet, it was still winter there in March, and it rained and snowed! However, the excellent lectures on history, archeology, literature, and music, combined with field trips to museums, galleries and the Pecos Pueblo National Historical Site, more than made up for the lack of sunshine!

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**51 Olga Jargstorff Hughes'** first grandchild, Tessa Harper Hughes, was born in January, to her son, Mark and his wife, Amy.

**Naomi Loeb Lipman** writes, "For the past year I've been 'mandatorily retired' (i.e. laid off) from Consumers Union, where I did a number of editorial and management jobs for about 15 years. Once an editor, always an editor: I'm now working freelance on Consumers Reports, CR on Health, a monthly newsletter, and other publications. It's been an unexpected pleasure to stay home and attend to long-neglected household matters and have a regular weekly afternoon with a grandchild." Her husband, Marvin, no longer teaches at New York Medical College, but still sees patients, and continues as chief medical adviser to Consumers Union and on the board of the United States Pharmacopoeia. Naomi and Marvin traveled to Cuba last year with a People-to-People delegation and to Yucatan in February, where they visited with **Joann MacManus Andrews**. Naomi writes, "What a remarkable life she has had! And what a great raconteur she is!"

**Lucille Gottlieb Porter** sent me a note, indicating several errors in her news from the column in the spring issue. With many apologies, here is her corrected version: Lucille Gottlieb Porter, associate director of the Educational Records Bureau retired in June after 29 years. She is a school psychologist, whose responsibilities included admissions testing for the

**52** During Reunion, 29 class members attended a mini-reunion at the Vagelos Alumnae Center, for the unveiling of a plaque honoring our class for our generous 50th anniversary reunion gift. They attended the annual AABC awards luncheon as guests of the College, heard a challenging lecture by Dennis J. Dalton, professor of political science, and were lauded at the plaque ceremony by President Shapiro.

Afterward, class members went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a private tour of an exhibit and a dinner in the trustees' dining room.

**Eva Stadler Brooks** and **Anne Loesser Hollander** were unable to attend because they planned to be in Paris that weekend. Anne, a costume designer, published her latest book, *Fabric of Vision: Dress and Drapery in Painting* (Yale University Press, 2002) last summer. In a recent conversation, Anne told **Elizabeth (Bettina) Blake** that two of her grandchildren were born in the millennium year, "one on one side of the country and one on the other."

**Joyce Hilleboe Vana** was also unable to attend the ceremony, but saw the spot where our plaque was placed during a recent visit to New York.

**Donna Kario Salem**, who attended the ceremony with her husband, Jack, reports that, after 30 years as a sculptor, she has abandoned art for music. Now the

administrator of a small chamber music orchestra, Donna works with Arline Rosenberg Chambers '54, the orchestra's managing director.

**Delores Hoffman** is still involved in the academic life as a professor of mathematics at Baruch College in New York. **Mary Brown Cox Golden** and her husband are cultivating oysters and other marine life as part of a Cornell Cooperative Extension Program to restock Long Island's Peconic Bay. Mary is also active in a Little Sisters program in her area.

**Francine du Plessix Gray** had been named vice president for literature of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Congratulations, Francine!

Sadly, I must report that **Barbara Seaman Freestone**, **Joan Winston Siegemund** and **Katherine Stains Van Aarle** passed away during the winter. Our sincere condolences to their families.

I was able to gather more information on the accomplished life of **Anne-Marie Fackenthal Grayson**, who also passed away this winter. For three decades, Anne-Marie worked tirelessly to improve the lives of mentally challenged individuals. Her efforts helped revolutionize long-standing procedures for their care.

As the volunteer resource coordinator at Pennhurst State School and Hospital in Spring City, Pa., she helped organize relatives who wanted their mentally challenged family members cared for in the community. The actions of this group resulted in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Joungberg vs. Romeo*, which mandated community treatment for the mentally challenged. She later served as director of the North Dauphin County Mental Health/Mental Retardation program in Harrisburg, Pa.

She moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1980 and worked at the Georgia Mental Health Institute. When she retired in 1998, Anne-Marie Grayson was the safety officer, monitoring the hospital's compliance with state and federal regulations.

According to her daughter, Janet, Anne-Marie was very proud of her association with Barnard and attributed her success largely to the education she received here. Janet writes, "In an era when a shy, very tall woman from a small town in Pennsylvania might expect very narrow horizons in life, Barnard gave her confidence and a solid education." Classmates who knew Anne-Marie and remember her friendliness and warmth are saddened by the death of this noble woman.

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**53** What a grand and glorious weekend we had for our 50th reunion! Despite the weather not cooperating, we all had a wonderful time and were reenergized and reconnected to Barnard. Our reunion committee, headed by **Margaret Underwood Lourie**, did a superb job making sure everything went smoothly.

The premiere event was a cocktail party Thursday night, graciously hosted by Ira and **Barbara (Bobbie) Glaser Sahlman** in their elegant, art-filled, loft apartment in lower Manhattan. President Judith Shapiro joined us for wine and tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Friday was spent on campus—one that most of us hardly recognized, as it has been built up and out and can now accommodate far more students than it did in the mid 1950s. The AABC luncheon was held in the Ethel S. '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium, where two members of our class were honored: **Dr. Rochelle Reibman Hirschhorn** received the Distinguished Alumna Award (see article on page 39); and **Helene L. Kaplan** received the Recognition Award for Service to the College (see article below).

The afternoon was filled with lectures, tea, and cocktail parties before the class dinner. Ours was held in the warm and lovely Sulzberger Parlor in Barnard Hall. We were again joined by President Shapiro, who entertained us with a song from the 1950s.

Saturday started with a guided tour through Harlem, followed by a special talk by **Joan Afferica**, a professor of history at Smith College, on czarist Russia—containing facts we never read in the history books.

Our campus activities ended with the gala dinner. Because of a heavy downpour, the cocktail party scheduled to be held under the stars was shifted to the LeFrak Gymnasium and the dinner was held in a huge tent erected in the Arthur Ross Courtyard in the residential Quad. Fortunately it was rain-proof and we all enjoyed

a lovely dinner, accompanied with music and dancing. Our class had four tables.

The weekend ended with an excellent guided tour and private lecture at the Whitney Museum, given by **Elise Alberts Pustilnik**, a docent at the Whitney for the past 20 years.

In addition to the 50th reunion, we know there are many couples celebrating their 50th anniversary, including Arnold and **Audrey Gerson Heimler**, Mark and **Helene L. Kaplan**, Harvey and **Constance (Connie) Alexander Kreuger**, Harold and **Lida Traum Keltz**, Ira and **Barbara (Bobbie) Glaser Sahlman**, Sholom and **Janet Schrier Shafner**. Please let me know if I have missed listing you.

Despite the off-and-on rain, the weekend was a perfect reconnection with Barnard. Our class should be proud of the fact that we raised more than \$265,000 for The Barnard Fund, and we are the ONLY class that has been awarded three plaques for fund raising. These plaques are imbed-



## ALUMNA PROFILE: HELENE L. KAPLAN '53

### Recipient, Recognition Award for Service to Barnard 2003

**"W**hether the mission is to improve our country, or the education and the status of women, I like to participate in institutions which make a difference," says Helene L. Kaplan '53, recipient of the Recognition Award for Service to Barnard, presented at Reunion.

Kaplan, trustee emerita and chair emerita of Barnard's board, also represents nonprofit institutions and individuals with substantial philanthropic interests as a prominent lawyer with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP in New York.

A director of several corporations, including J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and MetLife Inc., Kaplan is also a trustee and vice chair of the American Museum of Natural History, The Commonwealth Fund, and The J. Paul Getty Trust. How does she do

so much? "I've always taken home an enormous briefcase," she admits.

Kaplan served on Barnard's board from 1973 until 1999. During that time, she was elected vice chair and then chair of the board. In 1990 she became national chair of The Barnard Campaign, donating generously with her husband, Mark N. Kaplan, and raising significant institutional donations. In recent years, she has helped raise money for scholarship support as a regular chair of Barnard's annual awards dinners. "It's always good to raise money for a place you believe in," she says.

An American history major, Kaplan entered law school in 1964 when her daughters were 8 and 9. "It was very difficult and challenging, but my husband is enormously supportive, and that's very important."

At Barnard, she found role mod-

els in Mirra Komarovsky '26, a sociology professor, and Millicent McIntosh, then Barnard's president.

"Millicent McIntosh was a terrific role model," says Kaplan. "She was married, had children, and had a career. She had a larger staff, and she had it all."

Now Kaplan continues to mentor younger women. "Make choices that keep your options open," she advises them. "That has worked out well for me. And remember the importance of giving back. These are the things that guide my life."

—Jennifer L. Hanson



ded in the Reunion Courtyard outside the Vagelos Alumnae Center and commemorate our 40th, 45th, and 50th reunions. That's quite a record! A list of attendees from Reunion can be found online at [www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index).

**Suzanne Demay Barcaro** wasn't able to attend Reunion, but filled me in on her latest activities. As a dedicated volunteer at the Florida Instructional Materials Center in Tampa, Fla., she translates children's books into Braille. Prior to volunteering, Suzanne and her husband managed to visit just about every national park in the United States.

**Anne Anderson Jones** also regrets being unable to attend Reunion, but her trip to Greece was on the same weekend. While abroad, she visited her daughter, who's on the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Meanwhile, Anne has been appointed to the New Hanover County Commission for Women in Wilmington, N.C.

**Rebekah Berman Langer** is about to become a three-generation Barnard family. Her daughter, Abigail Levine Stiefel, graduated in 1980, and her granddaughter, Elena Stiefel, will enter Barnard this fall, after spending a post-high school year in Israel.

We've received notice of the death of **Elizabeth Stuart Carey**, who'd lived in the Philadelphia area. She is survived by her husband and three daughters.

Congratulations to **Constance (Connie) Alexander Krueger**, who, at the Alumni Federation of Columbia University's Commencement day luncheon, was honored with an alumni medal for distinguished service to the University (see article on page 47).

I'd love to hear from all of you so we can keep in touch through this column. You're very special and I look forward to sharing any news you have.

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Boca Raton, Fla., to help choose the facilities we want. Since this is the year most of us turn 70, why not celebrate and treat ourselves to Reunion? There are events to include spouses and significant others, as well as activities for children and grandchildren. If you've been to a previous reunion, this is a very different event with emphasis on having fun as well as seeing old friends.

Alicia Schramm has been traveling within the United States. She's also a member of the Squirrel Lovers Club, and participates in white squirrel courts, judge floats, and has even written a squirrel story, "The Secret of Ajidameo," and introduced a drink (the White Squirrel Cocktail). For 20 years, Alicia has been a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, but doesn't expect to be "shipped out."

**Janet Jansen Dunham** writes, "You can count on me to join the crowd for our 50th!" She also sent me a clipping from the class notes of the Bank Street College Alumni Association, reporting that **Ruth Lerman Fitzpatrick** participates in the Kentucky governor's task force on school age children, mentoring local directors while managing marketing for her husband's landscape painting workshops. Ruth also bought a former bank building in Nova Scotia. She and her husband have had a cottage in Mahone Bay for the past 30 summers, but wanted a mainland residence. Now they can say they "bought the bank." They live in a 1912 apartment in downtown Louisville, Ky., but winter in Harbour Island, Bahamas. As Ruth writes, "No complaints!" I'll say!

I'm continuing my list of "lost" classmates. The last issue helped us find Emma Aslan Baba. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following classmates, please let me and Alumnae Affairs know: **Elizabeth Roosa Hutchins, Cecilia Galvis Iglesias, Jean Jankowski, Anne Johnson, Linda Kelly, Phyllis Ferster Kraemer, Diana Kirchwey Krejci, Lucy Corwin Lunger, Marianna McKenzie, Harriet Reiss Meadow, Rose Messina, Mary Casaula Mangieri, Pamela Tobeason Owen, Gloria Tobey Perini, M. Beglinger Peterson, Grace Youhass Piccirillo, Cecile Pineda, Georgia Peskedji Politis, Astrid Lindberg Raab, and Vivian Nickerson Sherman.**

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**Fort, Jane Were-Bey Gardner, Carol Salomon Gold, Doris Joyner Griffin, Evelyne Lang, Barbara Banner Lieberman, Norma Haft Mandel, Judith Moftey Marshall, Eileen O'Connor, Duane Lloyd Patterson, Erica Rosenzweig Lindenstrauss, Marcella Jung Rosen Sacks, Carol Held Scharff, Nan Kuvn Schneider, Mirella d'Ambrosio Servodidio, Toni Lautman Simon, Joyce Shimkin Usiskin, Diana Touliatou Vagelos, and Mary Hetzel Von Conta.** Diana returns to Barnard's board of trustees (see article on page 8).

By the time you read this, the New York-area classmates will have met, at the home of Barbara Banner Lieberman in Rye, N.Y. Meanwhile, reserve October 23, 2003, for the autumn get-together. Contact Jane Were-Bey Gardner, 718-885-1803, [myblueboat@aol.com](mailto:myblueboat@aol.com), for time, place and directions. Hope to see you there!

**Maria Jurcik Basili** and a group of Naples, Fla.-area alumnae got together for a brunch, hosted by Laird Grant Groody '67 and her husband. Our class was represented by Maria and by **Sandra Perlmutter Lerner**. President Judith Shapiro described new plans for Barnard. At the meeting, the group decided to have an official Naples Barnard alumnae group. Check with Maria to see if any activities are planned. Her contact information is available through Alumnae Affairs.

**Barbara Di Micco Salotto** lives in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and has a home in Florida. She'd like **Susan Creter Sinton's** address in Florida, so that she can send belated condolences to Sue on the loss of her son on 9/11, and renew their friendship from Barnard. After 16 years of teaching special education in the Bronx, Barbara retired in 1999. Her daughter, Stacy, was married in May 2002. Her son-in-law, a retired captain in the United States Marine Corps, was reactivated in December and is stationed in Cuba.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth (Liz) Kaufman Mansky** and her husband, Leonard, on the marriage of their son, Paul, in May. Liz has retired after teaching pre-kindergarten for 19 years, and her husband has retired from engineering. They belong to a hiking club and enjoy their four grandchildren. Their daughter Lara Miller has three children, Russell, 9, and twins, Sam and Drew, 6. Their other daughter, Janet, gave birth to her first baby in March.

**Carol Held Scharff** is enjoying retirement after careers in teaching and in real estate. She was marketing manager for 19 years at Rosco Laboratories, which supplies smoke machines, dance floors, glitzy curtains, and lighting fixtures for Broadway, film, and television productions. Carol's husband, Matthew, is an immunol-

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**54** Your 50th reunion committee is alive, well, and planning! Please note the new dates, changed to coincide with Columbia's reunion, and avoid Memorial Day. **Laura Sheskin Rotstein, Herberta Benjamin Schacher, Joanne Slater, Arlene Kelley Winer,** and I attended this year's Reunion to see what to expect next year, and we've got a treat in store for you! Everything's conveniently on campus, beautiful tents are set up for lunch and dinner on Saturday, and we have our own reception for Friday night. Joanne came all the way from Kansas City and Laura from

**55** Dawn Lille hosted a marvelous class luncheon in the spring in her beautiful New York home. Sharing in the happy mini-reunion were **Gisela Von Scheven**



ogist and professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. They've lived in the same house in Larchmont, N.Y., for 40 years, and their house is undergoing its eighth renovation. Carol is a past president of her temple, and still serves as a member of the board of directors. She also finds time for golf, a weekly theater excursion, and the building of a Victorian dollhouse. Her son Tom also lives in Larchmont with his wife, and their two children. Her daughter Karen and her husband live in Hannacroix, N.Y., with their two children. Her son David lives in Los Angeles. He collaborated on a series of songs for children to be released next February.

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**56** **Miriam Ungar Weinfeld** writes that even after almost half a century, "Barnard (and Columbia) ties are alive and well in 2003." She and her husband, Albert (C '54), and **Barbara Blumstein Blechner**, and her husband, Jack, (C '54), spent time together in January in the Florida Keys and in Miami. It was a three-generational gathering, with both couples' children and grandchildren.

Similar ties also were evident in April at a 40th wedding anniversary dinner party at The Fountain Restaurant in the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia. The party was given in honor of **Else Weiss Moskowitz** and her husband, Daniel, by their daughters, Luise and Marina, and Luise's husband. Barbara and her husbands were among the guests, as were myself and my husband, Jack. Barbara and I were attendants at Else and Dan's wedding.

Suddenly 1956 seemed like yesterday. Else was to marry a week after graduation, but her plans fell apart and her future morphed toward career instead of marriage. I was also bent on a career, and yearning to live in Manhattan, decided to share an apartment with Else.

Else worked as a translator and I took a job at McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., where I met and worked with her future husband, Daniel, who'd just graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. Else, who'd been born in Austria, had just that touch of European elegance that would fascinate Dan. He'd grown up as an Army brat but hailed from Springfield, Ill. He loved the theater and the fine arts, as did she—but best of all, he knew how to call pigs. All this was reason enough to introduce the two.

The rest is history—a long courtship (much of it long distance) and marriage,

two beautiful daughters, and a surprise anniversary party that really was a surprise.

When *The Guardian* in London reviewed *Then Again*, a memoir by **Irma Kurtz**, it headlined the book review "Irma la not-so-douce." When Irma was 18, she took her first trip to Europe and recorded her impressions in a notebook. When she discovered her old journal hidden in a closet 50 years later, she decided to retrace the journey. No longer an optimist or a romantic, "she travels alone, a tough-minded journalist ('agony aunt' for *Cosmopolitan*), an expatriate who has lived most of her adult life in Europe," according to the review. "Reflecting on her past, describing the current 'bliss and melancholy of solitary travel,' The reviewer calls the book, published in London by Fourth Estate, 'an elegiac meditation on women's lives over the last half-century.'"

**Janet Williams Helman** joins Barnard's board as alumnae trustee (see article on page 8).

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**57** I'm often frustrated by the "frequently asked questions" on almost every Web site. They seem like the least likely questions ever to be asked. But, not to be outdone: When is a trip to the library like a Barnard mini-reunion? When you run into **Ruth Chester, Dorothea Eidenberg Ellern, Louise Greene Klaber**, and Natalie Chaliff Pergam '63 at a book sale. For years, Dorothea and Natalie have been volunteering at the St. Agnes branch of the New York Public Library.

Ruth buys up mystery novels and got to them before I did. She canceled a trip to China this spring because of the SARS epidemic and is struggling to recover her money. In February, Choreographers on Point, the group she co-founded, presented a "Ballet Builders" program that offered New Yorkers "a chance to discover eight talented choreographers and 32 dancers from Ballet Florida, Rochester Ballet, James Sewell Ballet from Minneapolis, and New York—including choreographer Ted Thomas, who's a member of the Barnard dance department. It was good to see **Barbara Salant**, who braved the wind and rain to come to a performance."

Louise showed me an article she'd written in one of the books on sale, *Jewish American Women*. She'd written about Lena Himmelstein Bryant, a young immigrant who became a dressmaker and later founded the chain of stores now known as Lane Bryant.

Louise was living in Connecticut and

New York, but has moved to New York permanently. She works with individuals economically impacted by 9/11 through FECS (www.fecs.org). After 9/11, Louise volunteered at Bouley's, preparing food for rescue workers, and at Safe Horizon, which provided economic assistance to displaced residents and people who'd lost their jobs as a result of 9/11. This was seen as part-time and short term, but Louise is still there, three days a week. She writes, "It looks like the need will persist at least until August or December 2003." This wasn't work she expected to do, "but it feels like I'm making a small contribution to New York and its citizens."

In March, **Laura Rosenbaum Randall** gave a lecture for the inter American Affairs Committee of the Mexican Senate. "It's fun being a guest of the government," she says. Her son, David, has a fantasy novel coming out in the summer 2004.

**Elizabeth Colloredo-Mansf Silitch** works part time as a therapist in a local middle school in Strange Creek, W. Va., with special education students. She and her husband are active in local economic development. She and her husband own a company that manufactures X-ray generators.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Eleanor Iacuzzi Natili-Branca**, whose husband, Valerio, passed away this May.

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**58** If our 45th reunion is the "dress rehearsal," our 50th should be fabulous! Appropriately, about 58 classmates attended our class reunion, happily rekindling old friendships, reminiscing about college days, and revitalizing their intellectual juices. The programs open to all classes were enjoyable and stimulating, but the Class of 1958 events proved most special.

Our reunion began Thursday with a cocktail party at the home of **Joan Sweet Jankell**. Sadly, Joan lost her husband, Richard, just prior to reunion. We therefore doubly appreciate her gracious hospitality, and offer our belated condolences.

The next morning, we had a well-attended breakfast round-table discussion, planned and facilitated by our new class co-presidents, **Doris Platzker Friedensohn** and **Carol Schott Sterling**. We broke into small groups to discuss our Barnard experiences, the process of reinventing ourselves, the lives we lead now, and our hopes and dreams for the future. The influence of Millicent McIntosh was mentioned often. **Selma Tennenbaum Rossen's** husband, Jack, observed, "You're part of a group of pioneers."

A second, equally thought-provoking, round-table breakfast on Saturday was devoted to the world we inhabit and our roles therein. The questions that formed the basis for the discussions and a summary are posted on our class web page. We invite you to read them and send your comments to your co-correspondent, **Hannah Razdow Simon** at hannahsimon@alum.barnard.edu. Hannah is also looking into setting up an Internet listserv to enable us to continue the dialogue.

We enjoyed Friday night's class dinner, where our past co-presidents, **Yvonne Groseil** and **Lourdes (Lulu) Romanacce Zavitsas**, introduced the new class officers and were given an appreciative round of applause for all their efforts during the past five years. After dinner, everyone was invited to "sing-along," during a skit penned by yours truly, **Marcia Spelman DeFren**, and **Annette Raymon Smith** (co-collaborators for the Junior Show, 46 years ago!) Performing with them in the skit were **Vicki Wolf Cobb**, **Karen Gumprecht Komar**, **Barbara Barre Weintraub**, and **Carol Schott Sterling**. At the Saturday night gala dinner, the Honorable **Judith S. Kaye** was presented with the Woman of Achievement Award (see article on page 51). Jocularly remarking that she would have preferred the Young Alumna Award (given to actor Cynthia Nixon '88; see article on page 61), Judith thanked her husband, Stephen, and her classmates for their help and support, and graciously asked those present to stand so the audience could applaud US! Judith observed that "the earth has moved for women" since our graduation.

An amusing note: at the cocktail party before dinner, it was discovered that President Judith Shapiro was a graduate of Jamaica High School. Since **Sara Rubinow Simon** and **Barbara Barre Weintraub** are also graduates, the three came together for an enthusiastic rendition of their high school song!

During Reunion we also learned more about classmates. **Betty Reeback Wachtel** and her husband bought a home in Boynton Beach, Fla. **Suzanne Ripley**, who wore one of her fashion creations throughout the weekend, is promoting an "Apron Project" (apron qua utilitarian fashion); **Betty Lanier Jenkins** looks forward to a second career in art and pottery. After a stint in local politics, **Diana Borut Stein** spends her days as gadfly/political activist. **Maida Zuparn Maxham** loves putting deals together as a real estate agent. **Marise Suss Gottlieb** is still enjoying a career in medical research and proprietary new drug development. Now retired, **Rhoda Kurz Gruen** gardens, does committee work, and travels.

Coming to Reunion from Hawaii, **Joanne Silvers Shapiro** might have traveled the longest distance. Both **Arlene Le Pow Durk** and **Sara (Sazzy) Frishberg Skolnik** still works as therapists. Sazzy reunited with old freshmen buddies from Brooks Hall: **Judith Carlinsky Lack**, who lives in Manhattan, and **Dorrie Siegel Rosen**.

**Mary Rodgers Van Orman** is an administrative law judge with the New York City Departments of Health and Finance. She intends to continue working for the city, but on a reduced schedule, that will permit more time for travel "and those adorable twins!"

Special thanks to co-correspondent Hannah Razdow Simon for almost single-handedly putting together the 45th Reunion book. If you paid for a class book and didn't pick it up, or didn't not order one and wish you had, you can purchase it through Alumnae Affairs, by making out a check to Barnard for \$10, and sending it to the attention of Hal Jones.

Because of space constraints, anyone wishing to see the complete list of 1958 attendees at Reunion can log on to the Web site: [www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index.html](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index.html). Photos of Reunion events can also be found here.

We thought it might be fun to have mini-reunions in the years between now and our 50th. Send any ideas about mini-reunions or suggestions for our 50th, to Yvonne at [YvonneBlanche@aol.com](mailto:YvonneBlanche@aol.com).

**Susan Israel Mager** had to cancel her plans to attend Reunion due to her husband's illness. She misses everyone and hopes to attend the big one next time.

**Evalyn Gattoni Weissenborn** also couldn't make Reunion but wished us well. After 23 years working as the social services/admissions director of the Woodcrest Center nursing home in New Jersey, she's enjoying retirement, her husband, three children, and five grandchildren. She's volunteering, quilting, and vacationing at Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H.

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**59 Harriet Taran Schultz** works part time as a clinical psychologist in Houston. She enjoys having time to visit her children and grandchildren. Her son, Jeff, and his wife live in the Chicago area with their

daughter, Kelly, almost 2. Her son, Ken, and his wife live in Santa Monica, Calif., with their sons Aaron, 4, and Colin, 2. Harriet had a great time taking care of the two boys for two days by herself, but is still recovering weeks later!

Harriet's husband, Stanley Schultz (C '52), is still going strong at work (the "R" word is not used in this family), as vice chair of the integrative biology department at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He received two awards in April, for his outstanding research in physiology. One was given by the American Physiological Society (of which he is a past president) and the other by the New York University School of Medicine. **Emily Wortis Leider's** book was published this year. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of **Laurel Chenault Buhrman** and **Barbara Alpers Peyser** and send our condolences to their families.

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**Hallie Ratzkin Levie's** daughter, Jessica, completed her first year of law school at the University of Wisconsin—making her the third generation of lawyers in the family!

**Monica Spitzer Strauss's** book was published in 2000. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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**61 Ina Weinstein Young** and her husband, Joe, are “retired”—sort of. She’s working at AARP part time, fund raising for Legal Counsel for the Elderly, and Joe is consulting on grantsmanship. Ina says working for AARP makes her feel young. They’re both news junkies and living in Washington, D.C., makes them feel close to the news. They enjoy spending time with their two grandchildren, who live nearby. Washington supplies most of their cultural needs, though it falls short of New York. Ina’s big news is that Joe’s daughter, Michal Fandel, gave birth to triplets. They’re all doing well and keeping everyone, including big brother, Natan, 4, busy.

Ina’s son, Gary Halperin, published his first book, *Feel Better Now: Meditation for Stress Reduction and Relaxation*. Her son, David

Halperin, is executive director of The American Constitution Society; her son, Mark Halperin, is the political director at ABC News, and (step) daughter Avigayl Young is rabbi-in-residence at the Solomon Schechter School of Bergen County in New Jersey. Plus, Ina’s niece, Yael Isaac, is planning to attend Barnard, Class of 2007.

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**62 Roxanne Cohen Fischer** hosted a mini-reunion at her home in Washington, D.C., in April with **Elinor Yudin Sachse** and **Marsha Corn Levine**. At this event, we got updates from several classmates. Roxanne works at the Genome Institute at the

NIH. She’s building a “dream home” in Virginia. She and her significant other, Don, have five grandchildren under the age of 3.

**Evelyn Kahn Philipps** is a rehab social worker at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. Her older daughter lives nearby, and has a daughter, 2. Her younger daughter lives in Burlington, Vt. Evelyn’s husband is retired and writes short stories.

**Barbara Fogel Levine** owns a design advertising agency in the Washington, D.C. area. **Elinor Yudin Sachse**’s son, Michael, got married in May to another Amherst graduate. Her daughter Marianne is in Washington, D.C. Elinor’s breeding Briards and taking photos.

**Marsha Corn Levine** works part time, and is enjoying having her husband around, since he retired. Two grandsons live nearby. **Emily Goldblatt**, visiting from Boston, is working on an art exhibition and book of photographs and silks of Central Asia. Her son, Nicholas, will begin working this fall in Washington, D.C.



## ALUMNA PROFILE: CONSTANCE ALEXANDER KRUEGER '53

### Recipient, 2003 Alumni Medal for Conspicuous Service to the University

**A**t the Alumni Federation of Columbia University’s Commencement day luncheon, Constance (Connie) Alexander Krueger '53 was honored with an alumni medal for distinguished service to the University.

A Barnard trustee since 1994, Krueger is also vice chair, a member of the executive committee, and chair of the building, grounds, and environmental committee—where she has helped steer Barnard’s master plan and physical transformation. Whether she’s listening to reports at board meetings or examining potential properties, “I find it all fascinating,” she says.

She’s an ardent proponent of the value of a Barnard education—her daughter Abigail Krueger Bialer '85

attended Barnard, as did her sister, Pamela Alexander Schlenger '57, and her granddaughter Rachel I. Cohen '03. Her great-niece will be a first-year student here this fall. She has deep ties to the University as well. Her husband, Harvey M. Krueger, attended Columbia College and Columbia Law School, and their daughter Cathleen Cohen (Rachel’s mother) attended Teachers College.

The mother of four, Krueger is also a past trustee of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and a past president of the Northwest Bergen County UJA.

She is a tireless fundraiser for the College. She served on the national committee of The Barnard Campaign and, as a member of the board’s task force on long-range capi-

tal giving, she encouraged many classmates and alumnae to make significant contributions. One of her more tangible

legacies to the College is Krueger Lecture Hall (formerly known as room 405 in Milbank Hall), which her generous contribution transformed from an 80-seat classroom into a 110-seat “smart” classroom equipped with audio, video, and digital technology.

“I just try to help wherever I can,” she says.

—Amy Debra Feldman



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**Judith Terry Smith**, who lives in Arlington, Va., left a career in earth sciences development to research paleontology as a visiting collaborator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. **Roberta (Bobbi) Roth Yared** works on the AARP Bulletin. She has three sons and three grandchildren. **Gail Steg Feldman** volunteers for the local government and for the Barnard-in-Washington club. Her two children are married and she has two grandchildren.

In May, a New York mini-reunion was held in the Vagelos Alumnae Center. The event was hosted by **Joy Felsher Perla** and **Deborah Bersin Rubin**. Donald Glassman, the Barnard archivist, showed photos from the Barnard collection. **Joan Rezak Sadinoff-Katz** hosted a meeting of the Long Island Barnard Club at her home in May.

Joy, the mini-reunion coordinator, reports that Deborah is planning a Westchester mini-reunion in September. **Angela Carracino DiDomenico** has her sights set on a mini-reunion in New Jersey for September. **Martha Liptzin Hauptman** and **Leila Kern** will host a mini-reunion in Boston later this year.

Please send me your news and your e-mail address (and news too!) so that you can receive our class e-mail newsletters. Watch for more details about these events and more class notes in the newsletter, as there's too much great news to fit in one column.

**Harriet Kaye Inselbuch's** son, Adam, was married in May. Now all three Inselbuch children are married. Harriet and her husband, Elihu, have three grand-

children. **Linda Rosenblum Persily's** son, Mark, was married last year.

**Maya Rosenfeld Brown** is delighted to announce the birth of Naomi Danielle to her daughter, Adrienne, in May. She joins her older brother, Jeremy, 3, who wishes the baby would go back to the hospital! Maya's other daughter, Alison, has a daughter, Julia Marin, 2.

**Marcia Stecker Weller** and her husband, Herb, announced a new grandson, Ian Wolf Stettner, in February. He follows Dalia, 6, Jack 3, and Daniel, 3. Mazel tov to all!

**Margot Guessford Wilcox** and **Anne Francese Sirota** have retired. **Barbara Steinberg Geller** is retired, but serves as president of her synagogue and on the boards of several organizations. Let us know if you've retired and how it's working out for you.

**Linda Schwartz Kline** was mentioned in an article in the *Boston Globe* in February about the show, "A Class Act," a musical biography of Ed Kleban, the Tony Award-winning lyricist of "A Chorus Line." Linda was Kleban's live-in love during the last eight years of his life. That same month, **Diana Klabin Finegold** was written up in *The New London Day* in Connecticut. Diane creates comedy murder mysteries and also acts in them. More details about both these articles can be found in my class e-mail newsletter.

The home and studio (known as The Cistern) of **Sheila Levrant de Breteville** and her husband, Peter, was featured on TV in May. Peter was the architect of the project and Sheila was the "complicit client, willing to have an open

space in which to live and work, rather than a New England house and a studio somewhere else." Sheila completed an art project at the 207th Street Station of the "A" train in Manhattan a couple of years ago. She invites all of us to "take the A train" to see her artwork.

**Sally Hess** was promoted to associate professor in the music and dance department at Swarthmore College. She continues to choreograph and perform. **Gale Zimmerman Fieldman** practices law on a reduced schedule. She spends half the time at her home in East Hampton, N.Y., and with her four granddaughters, ages 1 through 5.

**Elizabeth Foner Vandepaer** reports that her ex-husband, Robert Vandepaer, died of cancer last summer. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her and her family.

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**63** This was the best reunion I never attended. Due to a sprained ankle, I was unable to attend any events, but in the true spirit of reunion, **Pola Auerbach Rosen** led a group of classmates to a phone and they wished me a speedy recovery. I guess the motto is, "If you can't get to reunion, hopefully reunion will come to you." Among the classmates I spoke to on the phone the night of our class dinner were **Ethel Joseph BarNoon**, and **Susan Robbins Stern**. I also spoke with **Alice Miller Jacobs Weiss**, who's now my co-correspondent. Alice resides on the East Coast while I live on the West Coast. Between the two of us, we have the country well covered! The following column on Reunion was written by Alice:

I (Alice Miller Jacobs Weiss) arrived from Cape Cod, Mass., husband in tow, on Thursday to register for our stay in Sulzberger Hall, where the Class of 1963 had a section on the fifth floor. The hallway included **Phyllis Kravet Stein**, who flew in from St. Louis, Mo., where she does cardiac research at Washington University.

Then we were off on a bus to **Twyla Tharp's** show, "Movin' Out." We bounced in our seats to Billy Joel's music and marveled proudly at Twyla's choreography. Twyla, you go girl!

We had many tables at the AABC luncheon was in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium on the first floor of Barnard Hall. Among us were **Phyllis Hearst Hersch**, who had returned from a trip to Israel, and **Wendy Supovitz Reilly**, who returned from Yale's reunion at the White House. Piled



on a table outside the luncheon were our class booklets, painstakingly compiled by **Susan Robbins Stern** and **Marlene Lobell Ruthen**. The Class of 1963 reunion books are still available; if you'd like one, send a check for \$5, made out to Barnard College, to Alumnae Affairs, attn: Hal Jones.

In the afternoon, the extraordinary professor of political science, Dennis G. Dalton, gave a lecture on nonviolence. **Martha Grossner Older** observed that many of the audience's post-lecture comments in the audience were from our class.

**Loretta Tremblay Azzarone** reports that there were 96 class members at the Friday night dinner. **Shirley Sherak** guided us to keep circulating tables and get reacquainted with each other. Shirley is an architect who designs bio-chemical lab facilities—talk about an impressive classmate! **Martha Williamson Huntley** came from North Carolina with youngest daughter, who was on her first trip to New York. **Merel Pomerantz Glaubiger** told me she's working on an archival project at the counsel's office at the federal government's medical school.

**Ethel Joseph BarNoon** came with her daughter, Tamar BarNoon '02. **Erica Jong** brought her husband, Ken, and plenty of copies of her new book, *Sappho's Leap* (class members received a copy in their reunion totebags).

The parade was canceled due to rain, so some of us escaped to the movies in Lehman Auditorium in Altschul Hall, where Barnard alumnae films were shown. Many of us attended Erica Jong's reading in the afternoon. I, for one, really appreciate her generosity and warmth. Before Reunion, Erica spoke to a class of Barnard students (see article on page 8).

At the gala dinner on Saturday night, we ate, listened, and applauded President Shapiro, Judith S. Kaye '58, and Cynthia Nixon '88 (my daughters were so impressed), but the best part was afterwards when we got down to boogie. **Pola Auerbach Rosen**, **Charlotte Alter Spiegelman**, **Martha Grossner Older**, **Ethel Doudine Patten** and I cut up the dance floor, leaving our husbands behind, and finally were joined in our marathon by President Shapiro. We always talk about how the 1960s affected our lives politically, socially and economically, but what about the rock 'n' roll?

**Susan Welber Youdovin** is studying with Jonathon Omer-Mann, the Jewish Renewal rabbi. **Anne Broderick Zill**, who has the youngest child in our class, is running an art gallery and also helping direct the Stewart Mott foundation.

At the end of the weekend, the new class officers met at **Judith Rothgart MacDonald's** apartment. We'd like to

start a listserv, and have our own newsletter. We want to share stories about the ways we're recreating ourselves in the last third of our lives.

Finally, I want to say that this reunion report is so incomplete as to be embarrassing. Lots of folks who weren't mentioned here were there and I wasn't able to talk to everyone. Please e-mail me or contact Vera with your impressions and your news!

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**64 Susan Grant Rosen** caught us up on her life since graduation. She married during our senior year, and worked while her husband earned graduate degrees. They divorced when their son, Jody, was a year old. Susan worked in human services in New York and Brookline, Mass., while raising Jody, who's now a writer living in Manhattan. Susan writes, "While at Barnard, I had one of those educational experiences that changes one's life: I cross-registered at Union Theological Seminary and took a demanding and inspiring Old Testament class with Professor James Muilenberg. The experience left me longing for more; but in the early 1960s, few women were getting pulpits. So I put seminary on hold. When I went back to school in the mid-1980s, much had changed. Over half my class at Boston University School of Theology was female. Currently, I'm serving a United Church of Christ congregation in Vermont. I'm the fourth woman pastor this church has had. I thank God and my sisters for feminism."

**Rae Temkin Edelson** also works in Brookline, Mass. For 25 years, she has directed Gateway Arts, an art center for adults with disabilities, and sells art in its Brookline store and the outside art market. She also writes plays and had a short play produced in New York. Rae has one grandchild and is currently single and dating, finding her Barnard degree helpful in making connections.

**Judith Lefkowitz Marcus** is a clinical professor of pediatrics at Columbia Physicians & Surgeons, and an attending physician in the pediatric oncology division. She also has maintained her private practice in White Plains, N.Y., for 20 years. She was named a top doctor in New York and Westchester in 2001 and 2002.

Congratulations to **Patricia Ann Rotter** on her marriage in March to

David Emil Barabas. Patricia is a proofreader at Grey Direct, a division of Grey Advertising in New York. Her new husband is an administrative architect for the New York City Transit Authority.

**Brenda Myerson Shoshanna** is a psychologist, author, playwright, and Zen practitioner. Along with her psychotherapy practice in Manhattan, she runs a Zen Center for those of any religious persuasion or none at all. She has also taught and run workshops on all aspects of psychology, spirituality and relationships at numerous places, including. Brenda's books have been translated into French, Polish, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Bulgarian. Her newest book is *Zen and the Art of Falling in Love* (Simon & Schuster, 2003), which looks at love through the eyes of the ancient practice of Zen. She has four children and three grandchildren, with another on the way.

With sadness, we've learned that **Pamela (Pam) Ween Brumberg** passed away in December. Our sympathies go to her husband and children.

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**65** Co-correspondent **Ann Selgin Levy** writes, "One of the benefits of writing this column is that I get to meet other alums in northern Vermont who seek stimulating conversation and find me through Class Notes. One was Adine Katzen Panitch '66, an English major who moved to the Burlington area from Baltimore."

On the theme of Barnard connections, my friend Maris Fink Liss '85 recently moved to Southfield, Mich., where she met **Toby Rutman Albert**, who has lived in Southfield since 1976. They have much in common: both landed there because of their husband's jobs, each has three children, they live a block apart, and they're both in a Jewish women's study group. Maris reports that Toby was one of the first people to reach out to her when she arrived, and they're now good friends. Toby, a French teacher, has switched to substitute teaching so that she can visit her three children, all of whom are married with children, in New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. Toby has many Barnard connections among her family and friends, including her daughter's mother-in-law, Myriam Jarblum Altman '59. Toby would love to hear from **Patricia Zimmerman Levine**.

Mazel tov and bravo to **Elizabeth (Betty) Booth**, who writes that she has passed "the five year milestone with breast cancer," but notes that it's a disease that "can come back anytime."

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**66 Toby Golick**, who received her law degree from Columbia in 1969, was a featured panelist at this year's general meeting of the alumnae of Columbia Law School. Toby is the director of the Bet Tzedek Legal Services and a professor of law at Benjamin Cardozo Law School.

**Iris Polk Berke** is the principal of a comprehensive high school of 1,400 students in San Jose, Calif. She earned her Ph.D. in 1980 at Stanford University School of Education. She's loved living in California since 1971, even though her two grown daughters, as well as her granddaughter, Zoe, live in New York. Iris is an avid hiker and adventure traveler.

**Sandra Levy Birnbach** retired from

teaching and is now involved in Westchester County Democratic politics, as well as synagogue activities. Although it's been a couple of years since her retirement, Sandy still isn't entirely accustomed to her "freedom."

Also retired from teaching is **Deborah Rogers Butler**. She's learning to garden by taking courses at the New York Botanical Garden, visiting gardens, and working in her own garden in Connecticut. She also baby-sits for her granddaughter Bella, plays bridge, and chairs the mission board at her church. Deborah's youngest child is a student at Bates College; the three older children all live in New York.

**Margaret Brauner** was married in December and now goes by Margaret Pearson. She lives in Smartville, Calif., and is a part-time art instructor at the local junior college. She's also the writing lab teacher for the home school and independent studies program of her high school district. She plays the recorder with two early music consorts, and with an English country dance band. She also sings in a small women's choir specializing in Balkan folk songs, and participates in international folk and contra dancing. On top of that, she's an avid gardener, and a gourmet cook!

**Dorothy Haeussler Goren** heads the elementary program for the preschool at The River School, and won an award for best practices in curriculum development for their yearlong study of the Hudson River.

**Carrie (Lois) Wilson** continues to work as a teacher of singing and as an aesthetic realism consultant. Last summer, she chaired the dedication ceremony for a memorial to Eli Siegel, founder of aesthetic realism, on "Eli Siegel Day" in Baltimore. With her husband, composer Edward Green, she was among those presenting "The Poetry of Eli Siegel" at Baltimore's renowned Enoch Pratt Free Library. She gave a talk on aesthetic realism at the 31st World Congress of the International Society for Education through Art. This past spring, she played the title role in "Sudermann's Magda" at a performance at the Aesthetic Realism Foundation. At the festivities celebrating the 120th birthday of the Brooklyn Bridge, she and John Stern (CC '52) presented a talk, "The Brooklyn Bridge: A Study in Greatness."

**Dr. Judith Senitzky Reichman** was a panelist at The Barnard Summit: Women and Health (see article on page 18).

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**67** In May 2002, **Mary Lu Christie** resigned from her position with the law firm, Pillsbury Winthrop, in Silicon Valley, to pursue two dreams/interests—returning to her first career in early childhood education and participating in the rebuilding of Afghanistan. She writes, "I sold my house in San Francisco, took an apartment in Chelsea [New York], and went back to Bank Street College of Education (M.S. 1969) to take some courses and get back my teaching sea legs. I'm an active member of Women for Afghan Women, a multicultural group that raises money and provides other support for local Afghan non-governmental organizations and women's organizations. I've been studying Dari, one of the two major languages in Afghanistan, at an Afghan community school in Queens."

In March, Mary Lu went to Kabul, Afghanistan, with Global Exchange, a San Francisco-based human rights organization, as part of a delegation for International Women's Day. She visited several schools and met women who are working in literacy and job-training programs and other efforts to support Afghan women and children. Mary Lu planned to return this summer as a teacher trainer with the Afghanistan Institute of Learning. She writes, "While it may sound trite, I can honestly say that 9/11 moved me to take charge of my life and go do what I really want to do."

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**68 Susan Shargel**, now an insurance broker, organized a pre-reunion gathering in Oakland Hills, Calif., for a group of Bay Area alums at the home of **Lynne Brewer**, who's a pathologist. **Jean Benward**, a psychotherapist, was there, along with Sharon Elge, a software developer; **Charlotte Fishman**, an attorney at Equal Rights Advocates; **Marilyn Freund**, who used to own a rubber stamp company; **Melissa Todd Post**, who works in development at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music; and **Barbara Rothkrug**, who's a public health nurse.

Sixty-five classmates and their guests launched our 35th reunion at a Thursday evening cocktail party hosted by **Susan Kristal Wine** and **Pat Harrigan Nadosy**. Susan provided great wines from her Vintage New York stores in Manhattan, which specialize in New York wines. The group enjoyed the only good weather of the weekend, on Susan's terrace.



The people who attended our reunion are listed on the Barnard Web site, at [www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/classes/index). There's also amazing information about many of us in the remarkable Reunion book, created by **Rosemary Jablonski Ford**. The book is available for \$10; send a check made out to Barnard, to Alumnae Affairs, attn: Hal Jones.

Friday night of Reunion began with cocktails outside the new Rosemary Frankel Furman '58 Counseling Center, located near the Vagelos Alumnae Center. Classmate **Jane Siris** designed the facilities with her husband, Peter, and led a personal tour of the center. It's amazing, with comforting lighting, seating and a curved outer wall, all combining to create an atmosphere of caring and trust. While enjoying our cocktails, we were visited by President Shapiro, who praised the Coun-

seling Center as "wondrous work." **Diana Budzanoski**, who manages a large residential building in New York, and had worked with Jane, echoed the sentiment.

President Shapiro also hailed our class as "revolutionary," as gift givers and contributors to Barnard. Our class was No. 1 in the amount of its contributions to The Barnard Fund for this year and cumulatively for the past five years!

After the tours and cocktails, we had dinner in a tent in the Reunion Courtyard. **Jerilyn (Jeri) Seife Famighetti** and her daughter, Karen Famighetti '06, attended the dinner along with **Toby Sambol Edelman**, our new class vice president, and her daughter, Miriam Edelman '05 (Karen and Miriam were working at Reunion). Jeri was thrilled to be in New York again, after a two-year hiatus living in Milwaukee, Wis., and has agreed to join us

as class correspondent!

At dinner, co-correspondent, **Abby Sommer Kurnit**, and her husband, Jeff (CC '68) joined her former roommates, **Jane Wallison Dougan** and **Martha Shames Groen**, and her husband, Cliff. Jane showed us photos, including one of her new grandson. The table also included **Ruta Valters Shuart** and her husband, **Rosalie Siegel**, and **Rebecca Schwartz Greene**. Ruta has remained active after a stroke, with all four of her children living at home. Game boards appeared on each table, courtesy of **Penelope Parkhurst Boehm**, challenging us to figure out what establishments used to be located along Broadway "back in the day."

After dinner, Barnard history professor **Rosalind Rosenberg** spoke about women at Columbia and the impact of



## ALUMNA PROFILE: JUDITH S. KAYE '58

### Recipient, Woman of Achievement Award 2003

When Judith S. Kaye '58 was accepted to Barnard, she felt lucky to get in. "I vividly remember participating in an inkblot test during orientation," she says. "For one image, I wrote down 'rooster.' I looked over to the woman sitting next to me, and she had written 'Dante's *Inferno*.' I knew at that moment Barnard was going to be a challenge!"

Forty-five years later, Kaye received the Woman of Achievement Award at Reunion for her extraordinary accomplishments as Chief Judge of the State of New York, an appointment she accepted in 1993. She is the first woman in the post, and has held it longer than any other judge in the state's history.

Kaye has made an indelible impact on the court system by promoting jury reform and finding innovative ways to address the proliferation of domestic and drug-related crimes. "Our society has changed so dramatically, we can't keep doing

things the way we've been doing them for the past 100 years," she asserts. "We must stand back, think about what we're doing, and actively find ways to do it better."

Thanks to Kaye's efforts, there are now 91 drug courts and a dozen domestic-violence courts in the state. Kaye is particularly enthusiastic about several new community justice centers in neighborhoods such as Harlem and Red Hook, Brooklyn. "In an earlier day, the school and the church served as the center of the community, and in a very positive and constructive way, our justice centers are like that," she says. "They help foster a positive perception of what courts do. We're there to provide support and to help resolve problems."

Kaye received the Barnard Medal of Distinction in 1987 and served as a trustee for seven years. She is a longtime patron of the opera, an accomplished runner, and a devout

fan of the New York Liberty, a W N B A team. "I love the team and the excitement of the games, but what pleases me most is seeing so many girls in the stands. It makes them understand that they can do anything."

This faith in women's ability to be "makers and shakers," as she puts it, is what led her to Barnard. "It was exactly the right place for me. Small, embracing, and challenging in a very achievable way—once I got past Dante's *Inferno*!"

—Amy E. Hughes

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those upon Barnard. She peppered her talk with fascinating anecdotes, and it was nice to know that we could still appreciate learning something new.

Saturday evening we sought each other out at a cocktail party in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium, followed by all-class dinner, where our class's fundraising leadership was lauded once again, with **Susan Kristal Wine** and **Istar Schwager** accepting the thanks of President Shapiro. Istar is an educational psychologist, focused on children's television. She's also a media consultant and runs a Web site, [www.creativeparents.com](http://www.creativeparents.com). Her husband, David, who retired from Citigroup, is working on technology transfer at Columbia.

Throughout Reunion, we got updates about many classmates. **Mary Just Skinner** has a law practice in Montpelier, and is an avid cyclist and hiker. **Mayda Pasternack Podell**, who was there with her husband, has moved closer to Manhattan, continues to work as a social worker.

**Heidi Hoeck Schulman**, who divides her time between Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., is active with a variety of nonprofit organizations. She enjoyed hosting a pre-reunion cocktail party in Washington, D.C., where she reunited with her former roommate, **Alice Varney Leaderman**, after 30 years.

Our reunion chair, **Audrey Strauss**, is working hard this year, defending investment banks at her law firm, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson.

**Susan Cole** came to Reunion from Delray Beach, Fla., where she runs a market research company. **Laurie Gross Israel** arrived at Reunion with her partner, Evelyn Sims.

**Susan Strom** lives in Portland, Ore., where she's a chiropractor. She recently got divorced. **Margaret (Maggie) Selkin Fogel** moved from Providence to Boston, where she works as a psychotherapist and has one daughter in high school. **Jane O'Neil Sjogren** also lives in Boston with one child still at home. Jane is a professor of higher education at Johnson & Wales University.

**Faye-Ellen Silverman** is a composer and professor at Mannes College of Music. **Barbara Pollack Ahnholz** still lives near Columbia, works part time at Christie's, and spends three months a year in the Loire Valley with her husband, a painter. **Tina Kraskow** has been dealing with her ailing mother, a theme for many of our classmates. **Arline Horowitz Duker** lives in New Jersey, where she has a psychotherapy practice. **Rosalie Siegel** works for the Port Authority.

Co-correspondent **Karen Kaplowitz** had the pleasure of her daughter, Elizabeth Cohen, 14, joining her for the Satur-

day night dinner. Elizabeth enjoyed meeting everyone, including President Shapiro, as well as Judge Judith S. Kaye, and actor Cynthia Nixon, who were honored with alumnae awards that night.

**K.C. Cole's** book was published. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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**69 Francine Johanson Butler**, who calls herself "the lonely alum in Iowa," was promoted to full professor of economics. She also has a side career, reviewing economics textbooks. Her grandson is almost 2, her daughter works as an attorney in New York, and her son and his wife are finishing up college in the Midwest. Her husband, although officially retired, teaches computer science part time at a community college. Fran remains active in placing foreign exchange students—she and her husband have been a host family since 1986.

**Jane Hurwitz Nadel-Klein** was promoted to professor of anthropology at Trinity College. She published *Fishing for Heritage: Modernity and Loss Along the Scottish Coast* (Berg, 2003), and is turning her attention to the anthropology of gardening, focusing on community gardens. Her own garden is a mess, but she has hopes for its reclamation. Her daughter, Cory-Ellen Nadel is now pursuing an MFA in poetry and fiction at Sarah Lawrence College. Jane's husband, Bradley Klein now writes about golf course architecture for *Golfweek*. Jane and Brad live in Bloomfield, Conn.

Sarah Rubin, the fifth and youngest daughter of **Evelyn Cappell Rubin-Haupt**, will be entering Barnard as a first-year this fall, following in the footsteps of her sisters—Mishaela Rubin '91, Shulamit (Shulie) Rubin '93, Rena Rubin '00 and Talia Rubin '02. Evelyn writes, "This makes it a clean sweep for the Rubin women, and maybe a record for the school!"

**Carolyn Slater Galinkin** is a social worker in Merrick, N.Y. Her husband,

Lawrence, is a pediatrician in Old Bethpage, N.Y. Their son, David, was married last March.

**Laura (Lolly) Benefield Gibson's** daughter, Lucy Gibson, graduated from Barnard in May with a major in film. Lolly just received the Boston Society of Landscape Architects Merit Award in residential design for a project in Prides Crossing, Mass. Her practice focuses on residential landscape architecture. Her husband, Rick (CC '70), is an architect who works primarily on hospital projects. Lolly and Rick live in Manchester, Mass.

**Mary Elizabeth Lang** was impressed by the passion of my co-correspondent, **Stella Ling**, for tango. She writes, "You've absolutely inspired me since I heard you were tango-ing across the globe." Mary Elizabeth has an unusual hobby. She writes, "Although I've never even taken college-level biology, but I'm an amateur naturalist and environmentalist. On any given weekend from spring through fall I may be hip-deep in a river making stream health assessments, taking turbidity samples, or looking for benthic macroinvertebrates as a volunteer for the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association. I'm a volunteer employee of the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Stream Team. And I arrange with science professors to take students to an island off the coast of Connecticut to study invasive species."

Mary Elizabeth enjoys visiting old Barnard friends, including Carol Berkin '64. On the subject of Barnard women, Carol remarked, "I'm never bored when I'm with them!" Mary Elizabeth (and your class correspondents!) hopes everyone will write in about their hobbies, not just about their professional successes.

**Nancy Conrad** writes, "Last November I race-walked my first marathon. I led the pack until just about the half when another pre-senior caught up with me. We had fun laughing about the young 'uns we left behind. By mile 18 the heat (77 degrees) and humidity caught up with me. I finished in the top 15 but it took me five hours, 55 minutes. Missed my goal by 55 minutes. In October I plan to walk the Portland, Ore., marathon and I'm pushing for that five hour finish."

**Sherry Suttles** has been volunteering since March 2000 as president of the Atlantic Beach Historical Society. Her duties include grant writing, program development, overseeing a museum exhibit, oral history, tours, property preservation, and acquisition. Sherry's son Kamau, 20, lives in California.

**Judith Miller** spoke at Commencement and received the Barnard Medal of Distinction (see article on page 7).

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**70 Elaine Wood Shoben**, the Edward W. Cleary Professor of Law at the University of Illinois, attended a conference at Mills College in Oakland, Calif., that addressed gender equity issues in higher education. She writes, "During opening remarks, the president of Mills—a women's college—asked, 'How many people here went to a women's college?' Half of the women in the room raised their hands. The president asked to hear the school names and the first response was from a woman I hardly knew who shouted 'Barnard!' I added my 'Barnard!' to the chorus and then women shouted Wellesley, Smith, Mount Holyoke, and others. The Mills president nodded without surprise and concluded that this dramatic over-representation of women's colleges at the conference was a testimony to the effect of our education on our lives."

Elaine also noticed that the Mills College bookstore sells T-shirts that say "It's not educating girls without men, but women without boys."

**Audrey Prager's** son, Josh, graduated from high school this year, and will be attending Daniel Webster College. Her daughter completed her freshman year of high school, where Audrey also teaches math.

**Joyce Boden Hundley's** son, Benjamin, graduated from the St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., and will be attending Middlebury College after taking one semester off. Joyce would love to hear from others whose children took a few months off between academic programs, or whose children attended Middlebury. Joyce is still employed in the anti-trust division at the Department of Justice. Her daughter, Amanda, will be in sixth grade next year, and her husband, Robert, is a minister in Silver Spring, Md.

**Evelyn Langlieb Greer** is justly proud of her daughter, Rachel Greer '03, who has been president of her Barnard class all four years and spoke at graduation. She starts at Columbia Law School in the fall.

**Alice Gosfield** practices health law in Philadelphia, and writes and speaks inter-

nationally on health law issues, including the quality of care and physicians' legal concerns. She completed her fifth term as chairman of the Board of the National Committee for Quality Assurance and is looking for her next national policy challenge. She, too, has a recent graduate in the family—her son, Daniel Shay, received his law degree from Emory University.

**Susan Rosen Goldman** is co-director of the Center for the Study of Learning, Instruction, and Teacher Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, along with her long-time collaborator and spouse, Jim Pellegrino. She has appointments in both the psychology department and the College of Education. Susan and Jim love living in the Loop area of Chicago. Their son Josh also lives in Chicago. Their other son, Seth, is in Long Beach with son, 5, and daughter, 6 months. Susan counters the effects of being over 50 with long-distance running—she has run six marathons, and hopes to make it into the New York marathon this fall.

**Gail Wolff Smith** met in Boston with **Anne Hipkens Monk** and **S. Emilie Green**. Anne's son, Ian, stayed with Gail and her family on his way to a summer job in Bar Harbor. Anne, her husband, Colin, and her two other sons, James and Jonathan, will visit them later this summer.

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**71 Naomi Siegel Bayer**, director of the federally chartered Fannie Mae home-financing corporation, is also chairwoman of Housing First!, a local consortium of industry advocates in the New York area. She was recently the focus of a *New York Times* article in which she discussed the importance of home ownership. After graduating from Barnard, Bayer, who is married and has two children, attended Rutgers University's School of Social Work. She previously worked for the State Housing Finance Agency. In other news, I had my book published this year. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

Our class president, **Julia Hong Sabella**, graciously hosted an annual mini-reunion in July at her home in Far Hills, N.J. Class officers met before the event started to brainstorm ideas for our next reunion in 2006, some of which Julia picked up from Reunion 2003 in May. Here's her report:

"Registration is now on the Web for non-reunion classes. Since a classmate and I take tap for exercise, we liked the tap-

dancing showcase by current students, lead by Margaret Morrison '83. Reunion T-shirts have been discontinued, so I guess that's the end of the T-shirt collection for a while. Do we want to design a 35th reunion shirt or bag?

"Highlights included a chocolate tasting; a reading by Erica Jong '63 from her latest book, *Sappho's Leap*; and a panel on body image that included Eileen Otte Ford '43 (who looks fabulous)—there's a write-up of the panel on page 6. Do we want a fashion section in our reunion booklet—my ideal outfit, with sketches, or 'I've always wanted a ...' with a photo? There was a filmmaker's showcase in Lehman Auditorium in Altschul. We could do a skit for our 35th or film ourselves with our pets.

"Helen Pond McIntyre's husband read her favorite poem at the memorial service on Sunday in Sulzberger Parlor, where Ellen Futter's portrait now hangs.

"Two classmates died this past year, including **Marcia Sandier Becher**, a physician. The blood shortage is critical, and blood banks have lists—perhaps Barnard should have its own list. By the way, I received an acknowledgement from NASA for the sympathy cards that I sent on behalf of our class and Lutheran Brotherhood. Some of the families also sent letters.

"Last year's mini-reunion flyer had a note on a silent auction on crafts or items made or brought by classmates. The memorial service reminded me that it's sometimes those items that bring back memories of a person. The entrepreneurs among us could take orders and we could count proceeds in our class donations. Any auctioneers?

"Meaningful giving: I was playing bridge when the hostess received a phone call. Her husband's class at Princeton demands 100% participation. Our class isn't even close. She and her husband donate \$2 and the rest of their donation is earmarked for certain projects. Can we do 100% participation? Can we each afford a minimum of \$2? Let me know! Send your comments via e-mail to me at lionshare-jhs@aol.com."

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**72 Sigrid Nunez** was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as a fellow in literature.

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**73** Many classmates came together to celebrate our 30th reunion and, despite the rain, we had a wonderful time. I know that our new class correspondent, **Anne Russell Sullivan**, will have plenty of news to share for the next column. However, I wanted to end my five-year tenure as correspondent with some of my impressions of Reunion.

On Thursday night, there was a joint Columbia and Barnard Class of 1973 cocktail party at the Columbia Club. On Friday, the Annual AABC Awards luncheon was held, followed later that afternoon by a champagne reception, where we survived the rain under a tent. Little did we know that was a sign of things to come. That evening, we had our class dinner in the faculty dining room, where there was spirited and endless conversations among the many attendees, catching up on careers, families, and health. I wish I could have bottled the energy in the room.

Many of us attended a panel on Saturday morning entitled, "Do I Look Fat in This? The Battle Over Body Image" (see article on page 6). Our classmate, **April Lane Benson**, was one of the panelists. In one of those small world coincidences, my husband and I sat next to **Eva Rushkevich Grundy** and her husband at the Saturday evening gala dinner. My husband and Eva discovered that they had a business relationship through several conference calls, but never knew that they had a Barnard connection! Following the gala, many hardy souls walked over to Columbia for dancing under the stars (really, under

the rain drops) on the Low Library steps.

Special thanks to our class's reunion committee who served above and beyond the call of duty! Forgive me if I've forgotten anyone, but they included **Myra Alpersen**, **Rivian Bell**, **Luisa Diaz-Soltero Cerar**, **Elizabeth Gill**, **Mara Isbey**, **Sherry Katz-Bearnot**, **Susan Ladner**, **Jill Davis Mueller**, **Davida Scharf**, and **Rickie Singer**.

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**74** A recent article in *The New York Times* updated us on **Elisa Barnes**. She's the chief lawyer for the groundbreaking case being brought by the NAACP against gun companies. In communities where children believe owning a gun is an essential badge of adulthood, Elisa is trying to draw attention to how gun manufacturers, distributors, and retailers sell guns without sufficient regulation, to prevent them from landing in the hands of criminals. Elisa is married to Alan Bell, a real estate developer, and has three children, ages 19, 15, and 11.

Another lawyer from the class is **Georganne Chapin**, who graduated this year from Pace University School of Law. She accomplished this while working full time as the CEO of a not-for-profit health maintenance organization in Tarrytown,

N.Y., and maintaining a household. Georganne plans to stay in her current job for the foreseeable future, but would also like to write about sociomedical/legal issues. Her son, Ernesto, is a junior at Fairhaven College.

**Marsha Coleman-Adebayo** spoke at Reunion about discrimination in the workplace and recounted her experience with harassment in "Last Word," page 68. **Alexis Gelber** moderated a Barnard panel in April on women in the media (see article on page 10) and a panel at Reunion on perceptions of America abroad. **Anna Quindlen** is now chair of Barnard's board of trustees (see article on page 8).

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**75** **Susan Ochshorn** sends a romantic story about a girl and a boy who met as camp counselors in high school, fell in love, and dated while they attended Barnard and Columbia. They continued to date while she began life as a magazine editor, and he went to law school. Inexplicably, they married other people and each reared two lovely children, a boy and a girl. Then each got a divorce and fate took a hand.

In March, Susan married Marc Gross, the boy she first met as a counselor at Camp Hillcroft. The wedding was "splendid," she writes. "In mid-life there's so much more you bring to it." That includes their children—Amanda, 13, Eliza, 14, Sam, 20, and Liam, 22—and so many dear friends, including **Marie D'Amico**, Faye Ginsburg '76, Debra Tanklow '74, and Stephen O'Conner (CC '74).

As if all of this weren't enough change, Susan has left her position as a policy analyst working on early childhood issues at the National Center for Children and Families at Teachers College, a decision she refers to as a "career sabbatical." There's one thing in her life that hasn't changed: she continues to live on West End Avenue in New York.

I've just returned from four days in New York where I heard my son, Yoni, give the Baccalaureate address, then watched him graduate from Columbia. His 1,000 classmates cheered when President Bollinger awarded their degrees. Not, however, as loudly as the 568 Barnard students who roared their enthusiasm when President Shapiro welcomed them into the company of educated men and women.

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**76** **Dr. Helene D. Gayle** was a panelist at The Barnard Summit: Women and Health (see article on page 18). **Martha Nelson** participated in a panel at Barnard on women in the media (see article on page 10).

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**77** **Elizabeth Balaian Derderian** lives with her family in Rye, N.Y. After Barnard, she received an MBA from New York University and worked for six years at Philipp Brothers until her first child was born. Elizabeth and her husband now have three children, who are 17, 14, and 11. In addition, Elizabeth is a freelance artist and does commission work of portraits. She has also started a line of notecards featuring reproductions of her paintings. Her work and the notecards can be seen at [www.geocities.com/ebderderian](http://www.geocities.com/ebderderian). Liz's e-mail address can be found through the Alumnae Affairs office.

I remember that Liz was a talented artist back in college—she designed the cover of *Mortarboard*. After visiting Liz's Web site, I can assure you that her current paintings are lovely—especially the house portraits.

Tell us what you've been doing—in the last year, or in the last 25—and drop me a note!

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**78** Our 25th Reunion, aside from being spectacular, offered something truly unanticipated: Barnard President Judith Shapiro arrived in time for dessert and sang us a Carole King song. They just don't pay her enough. My own giddy response was to swear I'd be one of those "25 for 25" alums who pledge \$1000 apiece. (The idea is that 25 of us will pledge \$1000 in honor of our 25th reunion, and we're still four people short.) Within days, the wine had worn off, but the pledge remained, and although in one way I'm all the poorer for it, in other ways, I'm all the richer.

Reunion was the perfect time for Sue Pivnick and me to apologize to **Miriam Westheimer** and **Mindy Steinberg Agler** for playing volleyball in the halls of 3 Hewitt when they were trying to study (Some people, evidently, attended Barnard for the education.). This was Florida-based Mindy's first Reunion and, between the apology and the champagne and chocolate event, it surely won't be the last.

It's always great to see **Cyndi Stivers** of *Time Out New York*, who was partly responsible for securing us the lovely courtyard tent setting for our Friday night dinner. Cyndi was on a panel at Barnard on women in the media (see article on page 10).

And it's only at our reunions that I get to see "Law & Order" producer, **Martha Mitchell** (I still say Martha is too well-mannered to work in TV), my former *New York Post* buddy **Susan Mulcahy**, and **Amy Gewirtz McGahan**. Stopping by my table was that adorable computer nut, **Elaine Richards**, who misses New York, "but I'm still employed, unlike about a third of my techie friends."

Poor **Hillary Weisman** was the only alum without a college yearbook photo on her name badge, probably because our daffy girl had applied mime makeup for that long-ago photo. Does the New York Attorney General, for whom she works, know this about her?

I spied **Veronica (Ronnie) Blake-Greenaway** and her delightful husband, the federal judge Joe Greenaway, across the well-populated tent. Ronnie's law company just moved to Pennsylvania, so she's "unemployed for the first time since I graduated from Columbia Law in 1981!" Ronnie is free for lunches, spa days, etc. during this temporary respite. Meanwhile, her 13-year-old, Joey, is closing in on 5 feet, 7 inches, and her youngest, Samantha, is in "perpetual motion ... I challenge any Olympic athlete to keep her pace for two hours."

**Lori Gold**, **Merri Rosenberg**, **Lynn Rothstein**, and **Deborah Sharp** were among the classmates who helped put this shindig together, and we owe them thanks. Some of us even owe them money, now that some of us shot our mouths off about that "25 for 25" deal, but then, some of us must learn moderation at cocktail parties.

Long after all good alumnae were tucked into bed, it was like old times on the Altschul Atrium, where **Claire Tse**, **Emily Gaylord Martinez**, Sue and Mindy and I giggled like hyenas over the chocolate we'd hoarded from the chocolate tasting. You can't buy female bonding like that, not even for a grand!

There's still time to get your questionnaires and photos to the class booklet committee by the end of August. The e-mail address is [barnard78@att.net](mailto:barnard78@att.net) or you can fax it to **Claire Tse** at 703-758-0229, or mail it to her at 2257 Cedar Cove Court, Reston, VA. 20191-4114.

**Georgia Ragland**, a reunion regular who this year got hung up on a scheduling snag, reported via e-mail that she wished she could join us. She also provided full details on her bulldog, Max (pet news always welcome in this column!), and on

**Laney McHarry**, who was in the process of moving to Rockville, Md.

**Ellen Kushner** is writing books faster than I can read them. Her latest novel, written with Delia Sherman, *The Fall of the Kings*, is another entry in the fantasy field. Ellen hosts an award-winning national public radio series called "Sound & Spirit with Ellen Kushner." Her first book, *Swordspoint: A Melodrama of Manners*, has been reissued, perhaps due to such garlands of critical praise as "a glorious thing, the book we might have had if Noel Coward had written a vehicle for Errol Flynn." Check out Ellen's Web site, [www.ellenkushner.com](http://www.ellenkushner.com).

**JoAnne Cobler** is a cardiologist with Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates in Buffalo, N.Y. She writes, "I've been very active in the community in the promotion of women's cardiac health, appearing on TV and in newspaper and giving frequent lectures. The Buffalo area does a very poor job with women, often ignoring their symptoms, and the death rate for heart disease and stroke in this area is the highest in the country. Hopefully I can continue to make an impact."

JoAnne has a harrowing tale of divorce and child custody to discuss with any alum lawyers who are familiar with such things. "I'd also be very interested to know if any Barnard alumnae are working on reform of this court system where women and children are still not treated as equals to men. I would also be interested in having someone help me write a book about my experience ... Also, maybe someone has advice on how I can further protect my children or help me get through this court system."

I still have plenty of alumnae news that cannot fit in this column, but you'll be hearing about them soon, because, thanks to your support and a little ballot-box stuffing, I shall continue on as your class correspondent for the next five years. That brings to 30 the number of years I've toiled away on your behalf, asking nothing for myself but the occasional crust of bread and frequent plugs for my own books, the most recent of which is *Breast Cancer: There & Back*, available in finer bookstores everywhere, as well as on Amazon.com.

**Cathy Horyn** participated on a panel on body image at Reunion (see article on page 6).

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25TH REUNION: JUNE 3-JUNE 6, 2004

**79** Next year, will be our 25th reunion! I hope that we'll have our largest attendance ever, and muster the resources for a wonderful

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class gift. This reunion will be extra-special because of two additions to the weekend. The Hillel Center opened a splendid building less than two years ago, so there's a place to meet, have Shabbat dinner and talk about Jewish life on campus. Second, thanks to the innovative thinking of Roberta Waterstone Albert '92 and the Alumnae Affairs team, there's now programming for children—everything from music to pre-college admissions tours.

**Deborah Newman Shapiro's** oldest son, Zachary, got his driver's permit, so she spends many hours on the road practicing (she's proud to report that he's actually pretty good!). She and about 20 other alumnae and guests attended lunch with President Judith Shapiro on the top floor of Sulzberger Hall (a building that didn't exist when we were undergraduates!). President Shapiro filled them in on the construction plans for Barnard, which sound very exciting. Deborah brings greetings from fellow attendee, **Rebecca Amitai**, who now works at Goldman Sachs (about a year ago, they bought the investment banking firm, Spear, Leeds & Kellogg, where she worked as the managing director of electronic transaction services). In February, Deborah attended a Barnard event at the Metropolitan Museum of Art with Francine Benzen-Glick '77. Deborah represented Barnard in April at a high school college fair in Livingston, N.J.

I've also been a Barnard representative at college fairs to spread the word about Barnard to young women. I also serve as a Barnard alumnae admissions representa-

tive (BAAR). I recommend the BAAR experience to everyone. It's a thrilling, and somewhat humbling experience to meet the young women who apply to Barnard today. It gives me hope and renewal, that after our hard work, there will be torchbearers to follow us.

**Theresa Mara Woolverton** lives in Chestnut Hill, Mass., with her husband of 22 years, her daughter, Alicc, 14, and son, Peter, 8. She's active with the Perkins School for the Blind, and the Nantucket Historical Association, and has become a dedicated tennis player.

**Diana Thompson** recently created and became the host of the "Writers, Actors & Artists" forum at Digital Media Network's Web site, [www.DMNForums.com](http://www.DMNForums.com). She welcomes comments and participants, noting that "all intellectuals affiliated with Barnard are invited to post announcements and reviews of the best of our society's cultural events." I logged in, and it's a treat to have access to such an interesting online community. Diana was also the speaker at the June Jordan memorial brunch held at Barnard in February, as well as other events around the city. Her play, "Who Needs Earthlings?" was selected for the First Annual "New One Acts" Play Reading Festival of The Upper West-side Theatre Company of New York City last spring. She has so many beautiful talents—a lawyer and educator as well as a performer. There's no doubt in my mind that Diana gives so much to her students and to those who hear her speak!

I had the opportunity to lecture in March about disability laws and the rights of disabled students for the conference, "Great Kids, Great Schools! Identifying Disability and Gifts So That No Child Is Left Behind." We provided a free workshop for parents and teachers.

**Jean Zimmerman's** book was published this year. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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Sometimes, good things come to those who wait. **Mary Bongiovi-Garcia** and her husband, Reuben, can attest to that. Their daughter, Sarah Marah, had her first birthday in July. With Sarah's arrival, the family moved to Irvington, N.Y. "We

own a house and an acre of land," writes Mary. "With a family of deer, wild turkeys, badgers, and the like, we have had a real back-to-nature experience!"

Alas, life goes in cycles. **Burr Nelson** died on last November from ovarian cancer. She was buried in Columbia, Mo., where she lived with her husband, Jim Levin, and their two children, Benjamin and Sarah. She is also survived by her father and stepmother, stepfather, three sisters, and four brothers. Family and friends, including **Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum**, went to the memorial service in March in Lincoln, Mass., where Burr grew up. Burr majored in history at Barnard and was a member of the track team. "I remember jogging with her a few times on the Barnard track team," recalls Wendy White. "She was a great person, had a wonderful, optimistic attitude, and a contagious smile. God bless her and her family always."

**Amy Gerber** lives in Needham, Mass., with her husband and their two kids, Gabe, 13, and Eva, 9. She and her husband have a telecommunications consulting business. "Self-employment has given me the freedom and flexibility to pursue outside interests and community work," reports Amy. "I'm a prolific quilter. What I lack in technique, I make up in enthusiasm. And I've been actively involved in my children's school and our temple." Amy also sees plenty of Barnard alums, including Jill Wenig Goldberg '78 and fellow Needhamite, **Julie Frummerman Fox**, and one of my quilting buddies, Anne Blumberg '79. Amy met Anne after seeing a Barnard sticker on her car in the school parking lot for months. "I finally met the person who drove the car and introduced myself as a fellow grad."

**Abby Gantell Cynamon** is seeking an appointment to the position of county court judge in Miami, after celebrating 10 years there as a judicial staff attorney. "That will doubtless be surprising to college friends to whom it seemed like I started a new job every month," she writes. Times do change. She and her husband, Jeff, celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. Abby writes that their daughter, Greta, 11, is an aspiring dancer and basketball player, while Ben, 7, is an aspiring comedian. She'd love to hear from old friends; her e-mail address can be found through Alumnae Affairs.

In February, **Wendy White** joined fellow alumnae at a reception and talk at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Piper in Miami, featuring President Judith Shapiro, who gave a wonderful speech on "Mapping Barnard's Future." Wendy writes, "It was an honor to reconnect with Barnard alumnae who are an inspiration to meet as one feels the energy of



their ambition, intelligence, and wisdom."

Wendy paints with her husband, Roland, at their gallery/studio in Lauderdale by the Sea, and they teach art and theater to children at the Kids in Distress shelter in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday mornings. Children at the shelter have been pulled from their homes and are offered a safe harbor from their families who have abused them, physically, emotionally, and sometimes sexually. "Roland and I join together to teach the children to express themselves artistically, whether it be via tempura paint, water color, crayons, play dough, and clay!" Wendy shares. "We then exhibit their paintings, clay, and drawings in our New Light Gallery. The funds from sales of the art are sent back to the shelter for art supplies."

"The best art is the art of children, for it is so spontaneous and expressive! The children are a source of constant inspiration for us," Wendy writes.

"This is the just the beginning of our mission to share our gifts to teach others how to use their talents to help themselves survive in this world which is often so unpredictable," she writes. Amen! We're always better off if we can make life better for those around us and Wendy is doing it!

As I write this column towards the end of May, I've been in Los Angeles—my new home base—for a two-month stretch without interruptions except for a weekend in Chicago, where I was honored to give a talk on energy healing at Children's Memorial Hospital and share some of my experiences as a healer. I'm also busy teaching a wonderful class on consciousness, *Awakening Your Light Body*, in Los Angeles and also in the Hamptons. This work I do to help people awaken to their fullest potential and to live in harmony, health and joy is very inspiring. I work with people's subtle energy—all the so-called non-material aspects of ourselves, our emotions, our thoughts, our beliefs, and our spiritual light. I never imagined life would take me in such a wonderful, unusual direction! I'm at work on a second book that is taking its own sweet time. I've also just started writing for [www.beliefnet.com](http://www.beliefnet.com), a spiritually oriented online community, and I've really been enjoying that.

Do keep writing in. You never know what will happen. I just got a call from my former boss, Gael Malkenson Love '77, whom I served as a senior editor to at *Fame Magazine*, a glossy publication similar to *Vanity Fair*, cons ago. "I didn't know you were a Barnard grad," she said when she rang me up to see if I was the very same Diane Goldner who used to polish the magazine's heavy-hitting features into tip-top shape. It was great to reconnect.

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**82** **Diane Barrans** is now in her 21st year with Alaska's state student financial aid agency, a job she says "continues to offer new challenges." For the past eight years she has been the executive director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, as well as executive officer of its financing arm, the Alaska Student Loan Corporation.

**Vivian Glueck** still runs the family essential oils business, Citroil, in New Jersey (Citromax in Argentina), as well as serving on the board of trustees of Yeshiva University and the board of directors of Yeshiva College. In March, she married Henry Rosenberg. Vivian writes, "We've known each other for 15 years, dated on and off, and reconnected on a ski trip in January!"

**Laura Okamura Trop** has worked at the Citigroup Private Bank in New York for the past seven years. "Balancing work and motherhood continues to be a major challenge," she writes, some days wanting to stay home with her two energetic sons, Xander, 4, and Max, 2, and some days glad to escape to work!

**Julie Marden** lives in Walpole, N.H., with her daughter, Nora, 8, who loves "school, friends, music, theatre, writing, animals and nature." (Sounds like a typical well-rounded Barnard woman to me!)

After 15 intense years as a senior attending oncologist and advising her patients to spend their time doing what's important to them, **LaDonna Jung Dakofsky** took her own advice and walked away from her work-related burnout to "see what else is out there." What was out there turned out to include new addition, Stephanie, born in Korea last July, who joined their family in January! LaDonna intends to start writing fiction. It's a big year for all of them, as LaDonna and her husband, Sandy, an investment banker, planned to move from Westport, Conn., to Newton by August, so that their son, Scott, can start kindergarten in the fall.

At the time of writing this column, **Jean Golden-Tevald** and husband Bill were planning travel to Stavropol, Russia to bring home Irina, 9, the youngest sibling of their three adopted children, Galina, 14, Nadia, 12, and Vitaliy, 10, who joined their family more than three years ago. Jean says that "life has been lively" in an expanded family that also includes their biological children, Elizabeth, 16, Andrew, 13, and Brian, 11. Jean has been practicing

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**83** **Mary Witherell** participated on a panel on body image at Reunion (see article on page 6). Paintings by **Kaaren Hirschowitz Engel** were on exhibition in Tennessee. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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20TH REUNION: JUNE 3-JUNE 6, 2004

**84** Happy news to start things off this time—a wedding and a birth! **Roberta Caploe** was married in April at the University Club in New York to Owen Hearty. Alums in attendance were Karen Denker '85, **Laurie Silbersweig**, **Diane Giardino Weck**, and **Enid Lewin**. On the work front, Roberta is very happy as the executive editor of *Ladies' Home Journal*. She writes, "Life is terrific, all around."

**Sue Seferian**, together with husband, Vincent Janoski, and daughter, Emily, shares the happy news that her son, Vincent Yervant, was born in April. Little "Vee" (Emily's nickname for her little brother) surprised his family with his appearance one month before his due date. Sue attributes his early arrival to his love of music—the night preceding his arrival, little Vee was taken to hear an Irish band. He was quite taken with the jigs and reels that he heard that night, and he just wanted to come out and play!

Sue reports news on two friends from the class of 1985. Charlotte Kratt Dean '85 and her husband, Peter, welcomed their son, Julius Laurence, into the world in April. Not to be outdone by Sue's son, Vincent, he also made his appearance one month prior to his due date, surprising everyone! Sue also reports that Gopa Khandwala '85 and her husband, Joe Long, are excited to adopt their daughter, Gayatri Danielle Khandwala Long, 2, who came home with Gopa in April from India.

Gopa writes, "The kid is pretty good—kind of like a 6-month-old puppy on two legs. Full of energy, bounces around in a sort of uncoordinated way, sleeps through the night, not yet housebroken, but generally good and pretty well behaved." Joe, Gopa, and their six dogs (down from seven!) are enjoying the arrival of the newest family member!

**Arielle Orlow Hendel** is now the leadership development director for the Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose. She's planning programs to help build the community. This job will let her continue with her "passions of being a mom first, and professional woman too!" You go Arielle!

**Kathryn Fernquist Hinds** caught us up with her literary and familial adventures. She writes and edits books full-time for some lucky school kids. She's finishing up a four-book series, *Life in the Renaissance*, and then will start another one, *Life in the Roman Empire* (both for grades 6-12, like most of her other books). In addition, she's teaching belly dance at North Georgia College and State University Center for Continuing Education. Kathryn also founded a Middle Eastern dance troupe in January 2000, which perform six times a year in the metro Atlanta area. Her husband, Arthur, has been in Emerald Rose, a Celtic band, since 1997, in addition to housekeeping and helping their son, Owen, with schoolwork, etc.

**Enid Lewin** is leaving her life as a successful celebrity public relations consultant and following her dream of going back to school and attending the Columbia School of Journalism. We wish her much success!

**Maria Hinojosa** participated in a panel at Barnard on women in the media (see article on page 10). Florence Wetzel's novel was published. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Diana Lemchak**. She passed away in January, and was featured in the "In Memoriam" section of the spring issue.

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**85** Author **Jillian Medoff** is profiled in "Books, etc." (page 15). **Valerie Block's** book was published and she can also be found in this section.

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**86** Since our last column, I've had the opportunity to discuss war, peace, journalism, as well as large and small soulful matters with classmates. I continue to respect and admire the major developments and interesting adjustments in all of your careers and aspirations.

**Rose Arce** was promoted to senior producer at CNN, and was covering the anti-war movement with correspondent Maria Hinojosa '84. **Dana Garrett** and **Ronni Berke** '80 were also at CNN in New York, covering the United Nations during the war. Rose Arce and her girlfriend, Maria Rueda, are now married and living in Greenwich Village. Congratulations! They're planning a celebration for later in the year.

**Devaki (Dini) Chandra** both protested the Iraq war and supported the troops, by helping to provide phone cards, which seems a fair reflection of the ambivalence so many of us have felt about recent events. Dini has left the corporate world and is involved in community work with a non-profit organization. She does grant writing for funds to help ex-offenders find jobs upon release from prison, and also works with a home for recovering drug addict mothers which aims to reunify them with their children.

**Pat Conrad** has made the move from academic medicine to private practice pediatrics, and discovered the joy of a job that she says feels an awful lot like playing with puppies. Thanks for the smile, Pat.

**Eva Grayzel Cohen** was featured in an article in the July issue of *Women's World*. The article is about helping hands, and all the women who pitched in to get Eva through her cancer treatments. She writes that it's ironic for a professional storyteller to get tongue cancer, but she beat the 15% survival odds, and has been traveling the country giving storytelling performances, and sharing her motivational talk on overcoming adversity and creative acts-of-kindness. It's a presentation with personal stories and inspirational folklore to frame the message. She spoke at a head and neck pathology conference in Washington, D.C. If anyone knows of someone experiencing tongue cancer, or interested in Eva's presentations, please contact her at her Web site, [www.evagrayzel.com](http://www.evagrayzel.com).

**Chisa Hidaka** reports that **June Omura**, who dances for a modern dance group led by Mark Morris, was married on Valentine's Day in New York. **Ellen Levitt** says her new baby, Michelle, gives great smiles, while big sister, Jessica, loves to watch "Our Gang" tapes and tries to work in the garden alongside her grandpa.



In September 2002, **Phyllis Wan** and her husband, Brian Whitney, had a baby boy named Aidan. He joins his big sister, Anna, and they're all doing well in Colorado. Phyllis is still a partner the Denver office of the law firm, Hogan & Hartson. She was in Tarrytown, N.Y., to attend the wedding of **Sophia Wu**, now a doctor in Manhattan. **Viola Fong** and Michelle Hsu '85 were also in attendance.

In March, **Carolyn Lewin Weiss** gave birth to her daughter, Sally Jean. Her husband, Eric, and her son, Henry, are thrilled. So am I!

**Leila Tekaia** was married last February on the island of Palma de Mallorca to Antonio Zafra Ocaña, whom she met five years ago in Madrid. They're planning a honeymoon trip this summer. He's still on the island of Palma and she's in Lisbon, but they're working towards a closer situation in the near future.

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**87 Wendy Determan Amstutz** married her husband, Bill, two years ago. Their baby, Tobias, was born in September 2002 and is the light of their life. Wendy lives in Manhattan and often takes walks in the city with **Ruth Roemer**, in addition to long walks in Riverside Park with Deborah Loven Gray '85, who has beautiful baby boy. Wendy's sister, **Patricia (Patty) Determan Phillips**, lives in San Francisco with her husband, John, and daughter, Kate.

Since graduation, **Jane Hartwell** has been doing project management for animation—first on commercials, then on features. She started work at PDI/DreamWorks as a production manager when they launched "Antz," their first computer-generated animated film, and then as an associate producer on "Shrek." Two years ago she moved to the Los Angeles area and is a production executive at DreamWorks Animation. She met her husband, Craig Ring, while working at PDI and their toddler, Shannon, was born in October 2001.

**Sari Zimmer** married Michael Block in November 2001 and gave birth to a little boy, Evan. They live Hackensack, N.J., where Sari is a dentist. She would love to hear from **Shara Pulver Israel**.

—DLD

I'm worried that my Barnard friends will start to duck my calls out of fear that everything they say will appear in this column. That said, I just spoke with **Melinda Maerker**, who lives in Los Angeles, where she started her own advertising company, Beyond Form. I'm impressed that even in this down economy, her com-

pany is continuing to thrive and grow. Melinda told me that **Beth Wightman** is completing her Ph.D. in the English department at U.C.L.A. with an emphasis on post colonialism. Beth will be starting as an associate professor at California State University, Northridge, this fall. Congratulations!

Melinda also reported that she saw **Erika Schickel** giving birth on television. When I expressed surprise, Melinda explained that Erica was acting on "The Practice." How exciting! Melinda still sees **Audrey Klebahn Blum**, who splits her time living between living Orange County, Calif., and Jackson Hole, Wyo. Audrey is happily married and has twins, Emma and Will, 4. Melinda also informed me that **Lisanne Brown** and her husband, Scott Aiges, bought a house in New Orleans, La. Lisanne teaches at Tulane University and researches world health issues, involving all sorts of exciting travel. She and Scott are kept busy with their daughter, Ella, 2. Having a child around the same age, I can certainly relate to that busy feeling. Melinda also wondered, where is **Heidi Kriz**? We both want to know, so Heidi, please call, e-mail, or write! We'd love to hear from everyone!

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**88** What are the odds? Fifteen years later, once again, I'm standing in the rain in front of Barnard. This time, instead of walking out of Barnard Hall in cap and gown, walking into Barnard Hall in heels, capris, and a sweater set, to register for Reunion 2003. Racing through the puddles, I thought of graduation day as I sprinted across campus praying that my parents hadn't noticed I was missing from the morning service at St. Paul's to which I had invited them. The regaling of the night prior had put me a step behind for the entire day, though you'd never know it from the pictures. I remember thinking of my older sister, who'd graduated cum laude three years before, and my younger sister, a junior, who'd walk this path a year later—a legacy of Barnard women. Friends like **Lisa Feuerstein Maier**, **Helene Kener Gray**, **Lauri Peternick**, **Karen Beiley**—was this the end or just the beginning? What did the future hold for us?

Lisa, Helene, and I drove into the city

Thursday night to meet up with Karen and attend our 15th reunion event at The Screening Room. We caught up with **Stephanie Scherby**, who lives in New York and works in real estate, while doing some legal work on the side. **Bonnie Siegel Eshel** attended with one of her daughters, and **Nancy Yaffa**, host of the event and part owner of the establishment, stopped by as well.

Helene is active in a variety of community and cultural activities in Scarsdale, N.Y., where she lives with her husband, Richard, and sons Sam and Jonah. Helene also does freelance public relations work. Lisa lives in Tenafly, N.J., with her husband, Gary, and daughters, Jacqueline and Valerie, and continues to work in the food import industry.

Karen came in from Washington D.C., for the fun and festivities. Her mom, Marcia Rubenstein Dunn '63, was also at Reunion, celebrating her 40th. From Karen, I heard that there were close to 70 classmates in attendance at our class dinner Friday night. Karen caught up with **Susan O'Brien Lyons**, who's at home now with her two children, Nathaniel and Grace. Karen also enjoyed seeing **She-lagh Lafferty Moskow**, who moved to Washington, D.C. For the summer, Karen was looking forward to her vacation plans that included a drive to Connecticut, highlighted by visits with Helene, as well as seeing **Taylor Baldwin Purdy** and her three children, Madeline, Henry and Cameron. Karen also plans to spend a week in Long Beach Island and visit with fellow vacationer, Lisa.

Our class vice president, **Hope Kirschner Casey**, had a great time at Reunion with **Rita Fournier Barnett**, **Miriam Tuchman**, **Glorianna Valls Neiman**, **Amy Leonard**, and **Enid Newman Melville**. They attended the Friday night dinner and the champagne and chocolate reception at Altschul Hall. The group also caught up with some old Columbia friends on Saturday night, while dancing in the rain under the stars across campus. At the Saturday evening gala, Barnard honored **Cynthia Nixon** with the young alumna award (see article on page 61), presented to an accomplished alumna who has graduated within the past 15 years.

Through the pouring rain, I saw our class president, **Jennifer Gill Fondiller**, and her adorable little ones, Anna, 6, and Julia, 4, at the lunch on Saturday. Jennifer caught up with **Lisa Terrizzi**, who was trying to balance being away from her little boy for the first time—something with which many of us can empathize. Jennifer also reconnected with **Elizabeth Hatchl Greco**, who is leaving New York for Connecticut, to become a home buyer. As you

may recall, Jennifer recently became the Dean of Admissions at Barnard. This weekend, she wore many hats: dean, class president and mom—while she watched Julia get her face painted like a lion. Anna and Julia were joined by **Ada Guerero Guillod's** two girls and **Alison Craiglow Hockenberry's** four children.

Speaking of Alison, I enjoyed reading her responses to our class survey. She spent 12 years as a producer for ABC News, where she won an Emmy and a Peabody. She also met her husband, John, at ABC, while working together in Afghanistan, Somalia, and Oklahoma City, and falling in love along the way. Married eight years, they have two sets of twins, Zoe and Olivia, 5, and Zachary and Regan, 2.

**Rachel Powell Norton** is ensconced in the “mom thing” after working in journalism for seven years, and then as an art director/editor for C-Net, and then the Interactive Bureau. She married Tim Norton in 1996 and has two daughters, Audrey, 4, and Jacqueline, 3.

**Joy Press** is now the book and television critic for the *Village Voice*, after editing the *Voice's* literary supplement for six years. She also co-wrote *The Sex Revolts*, a book on gender and rock music. Joy has been married for 11 years to Simon Reynolds and has a daughter, Kieran, 3.

Since I'm now in uncharted waters—having too many updates to fit in one column—stay tuned for more reunion updates in the next issue, as well as news from some of our classmates who couldn't be there. I've also been informed that there was no election for class officers at this year's Reunion, so I believe you are stuck with my written ramblings for another five years.

As I hailed a cab and headed to Penn Station to meet my husband, I reflected on life 15 years later. Had I put my education to good use? Had Barnard changed my life? What had I accomplished? I was reminded of a passage from *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, by fellow alumna Anna Quindlen '74. “When you leave college, there are thousands of people out there with the same degree you have ... but you are the only person alive who has sole custody of your life ... All of us want to do well. But if we do not do good, too, then doing well will never be enough ... Each time I look at my diploma, I remember that I am still a student, still learning every day how to be human.”

At Reunion, I'd reconnected with mothers, wives, sisters, friends. Real women. Good women. Women who are shaping the future with their intelligence, passions, and dreams. (Yuck! Did I watch too much Oprah in the 1990s, or what?)

**Liz Yeh Singh's** cookbook was published this year. See “Books, etc.” on page 15.

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**89** Our 15th reunion is a year away, but planning has already begun! I attended the first briefing meeting for Reunion 2004 at the Vagelos Alumnae. **Leah Kopperman**, Barnard's manager of electronic communications, gave a presentation on Barnard's updated alumnae Web site, [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum)—check it out! We were also joined via conference call by our class president, **Christine (Chris) Giordano Hanlon**. Several changes have been made to Barnard's reunions since our 10th: There is now baby-sitting and children's programs, and more efforts are being made to accommodate Sabbath observers. Reunion 2003's schedule included a Shabbat dinner (following the class dinners) and a lesbian/bisexual reception. Plans for next year are in the very early stages, but if you have any suggestions or concerns, please let me know.

**Lori Ann Guzman Farrell** writes from Long Beach, Calif, where she and her husband of three years, Keith Farrell (CC '86), had their baby, Hayden Vicente, in June 2002. Lori Ann is a financial advisor at Smith Barney, and Keith is a fire department captain.

Half an hour away from Lori Ann, **Amber Hartgens** and her partner, Glenn, bought a house in Venice, Calif., last year. They have two sons, Miles, 3, and Reed, 1. Amber is an entertainment lawyer at Warner Brothers.

Lori Ann also sends news about **Jasmin Rodriguez**, who lives in Kansas City, Mo. Jasmin is the manager of women's entrepreneurship at the prestigious Kauffman Foundation. “Amber and I are trying to convince her to move out to California,” says Lori Ann. “She's the godmother of my son.”

Chris Giordano Hanlon sends her update from Ocean Township, N.J., where she became president of the local chamber of commerce. She has a son, Nicholas, 2, and daughter, Grace Kathleen, 1, and works part time as an attorney with her husband and his family at their law firm, Hanlon, Bogliogli and Hanlon.

Chris recently got together with our class vice president, **Caroline Fabend Bartlett**, and her husband and three children. Caroline is attending law school at Seton Hall and made law review. Chris also reports that **Ilene Stern Bunis** and her husband have a new baby girl, Alex Reese, and live in Massachusetts.

In January, **Elizabeth Davis** and her

husband, Luis Penalver (CC '89), with the help of a midwife and Liz's sister, welcomed their first child, Madeleine Isabelle. Well-wishers and visitors included Ada Guerrero Guillod '88 and Jennifer Mincin '96. This has already been a busy year for Liz, who left her position with New York's post-9/11 service to launch her own emergency management and special needs consulting firm. Following in the tradition of strong women, Madeleine has been going to work with her mother since she was three days old. She's now a pro! Liz would love to hear from classmates; her contact information is available through Alumnae Affairs.

**Audrey Becker** sends news from Detroit about the birth of her first child, Ivan Becker Druckman, in September 2002. In November, Audrey was a guest lecturer at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Her talk, “The Image of the Pearl in Medieval and Renaissance Literature,” was part of a series accompanying “The Culture of Pearls” exhibit. Audrey is taking time off from teaching Anglo-Saxon literature at the University of Windsor since becoming a mom, but is freelance writing and running a home recording studio with her husband.

*The Times of India* wrote about **Jhumpa Lahiri**, describing her as one of the most respected Indian American authors, best known for her book *Interpreter of Maladies*, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize! Jhumpa is married to journalist Alberto Vourvoulias and lives in New York.

*The New York Times* announced the marriage of **Elizabeth Dial** and Shamus Carr, who are both doctors at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Elizabeth is a fellow in pulmonary and critical care, and he's a surgical resident, as well as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

*The Second Summer of the Sisterhood*, the sequel to **Ann Brashares'** young adult novel, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, was published this year. See “Books, etc.” (page 15).

I also have sad news to report, which you may have seen in the spring issue. *The Hartford Courant* reported the death of Judith Harris in November 2002. Jennifer Leibler '90 informed us that Judith died of an embolism during her fourth pregnancy. She is survived by her parents, husband, and three children, and we extend our condolences to all of them.

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**90** After working at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum in New York, **Sharon Wolfe** has



moved to Toronto. She was married in March to Meir Rotenberg. His mom, Gita Segal Rotenberg '61, his aunt, Menorah Lebowitz Rotenberg '59, and his cousin, Elizabeth Rotenberg '97 are among the many women in his family to graduate from Barnard.

**Joan Garratt Dinges** gave birth to Dean Robert in November 2002 and planned to return to her job as an attorney at the Institute for Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C.

**Gwyneth Williams** married Christopher Hauser in October 2002 and is a clinical social worker, working with teen mothers in the Washington, D.C., foster care system.

**Regina Poreda** gave birth to her second child, Anna Pearl Ryan, in June 2002. Anna joins her big brother, Vincent Rollins Ryan, 4. Although on leave, Regina has been working for the New York City Council for several years.

**Rhonda Perry** is the principal of the

Salk School in District 2, Manhattan, and lives on the Upper West Side. Last October, Rhonda married Robert Fredrick Kruckeberg at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.

**Kris Kim** is in her fourth year as a senior vice president of the American Cancer Society's eastern division, which encompasses New York and New Jersey. She lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with her husband, Erik Engquist, and their twins, Stefan and Thomas Engquist, 3.

**Gail Ellis Reid** and her husband, Jeff have a baby girl, Devon Olivia, born in April. Gail is a vice president at Merrill Lynch in New York and still lives in the city.

In May, **Susan Lane Schnell** and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their first child, Lane Sculthorpe, into the world. Susan reports that "tiny Lane" is already bringing joy to their lives. "We love to watch her as she starts to show expressions and explore the world," Susan writes.

Susan still lives in Dayton, Ohio, and works in human resources at LexisNexis, in the compensation group. After being furloughed from pilot duties at American Airlines, Stephen returned to active duty in the Air Force, where he runs much of the training for his airplane (C-141 cargo jet) and still is able to fly as well. Susan writes, "His current tour of duty thankfully hasn't required a move but has allowed us to stay put in Dayton for a while, as well as not requiring any travel to Iraq, etc., during the war."

In the meantime, Susan is enjoying her leave time and adjusting to motherhood. She'd love to hear from any other Barnard alums. Her e-mail address can be obtained through Alumnae Affairs.

**Diane Bondareff** writes, "Thanks to an internship through Barnard Career Services, I began my photography career at City Hall. I worked there for six years, beginning under Mayor David Dinkins and was eventually promoted to official



## ALUMNA PROFILE: CYNTHIA NIXON '88

### Recipient, Young Alumna Award 2003

In true New York fashion, actor Cynthia Nixon '88, born and raised in the city, saw something she didn't like, and spoke up. Like Miranda Hobbes, the feisty lawyer she portrays on HBO's "Sex and the City," Nixon is vocal on what she believes in—public school education in New York. "There's no more important issue that will affect what the city will look like in the future and what the city looks like for the children of today," says Nixon.

Nixon, who attended public schools through high school, wanted the same experience for her children. "Not only will they get a great education, but they will run into a cross section of other kids from different incomes that they might never meet otherwise," says Nixon. However, she was dismayed at budget cuts in education, and became involved with the Alliance for Quality Education, a

statewide coalition of more than 200 organizations. "We fight for very basic and necessary things, like reduced class size, and a qualified teacher in every classroom," she says.

For these efforts and her distinctive body of stage and screen work, Nixon received Barnard's Young Alumna Award, which she graciously accepted during Reunion. Her energy and drive can be traced back to her Barnard days, when she appeared simultaneously in two separate Broadway plays as a first-year student, all the while earning her degree in English!

Nixon went on to star in numerous plays, including "Indiscretions," which earned her a Tony nomination in 1995. But perhaps she's most well known for her Emmy-nominated role as Miranda on the television show, "Sex and the City," entering its sixth season this year.

While the show's characters may not be strutting through campus, Nixon believes there's a little Barnard

within Miranda. "Some women operate solely from their feelings, and Miranda operates from her brain—and I think that's a kind of Barnard quality," says Nixon. "I think of Barnard as a very feminist place."

And there's a little Barnard within Nixon, as well. She waxes nostalgic on life at Barnard. "I just miss going to class and getting all that food for thought," she says.

—Lori Segal



photographer for Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Now I'm a freelance photojournalist with The Associated Press and *Newsday*. My husband, Adam Macy, is a writer with a background in city politics—in fact we met at City Hall! We bought a co-op just a few blocks south of Barnard ... I've enjoyed returning to this neighborhood, both to live and to work, as I also do some photography for Barnard and Columbia." Diane, whose work appears on the cover of this issue and in other articles in *Barnard*, has a Web site, [www.dianebondareff.com](http://www.dianebondareff.com).

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**91 Margaret Rheingold** married an Englishman who works as a developer for Microsoft in Seattle. **Erinn Bucklan** is an editor at *Elegant Bride*, and recently moved into an apartment near Central Park with her cat, Gulliver. **Lisa Perera**, a social worker in New York at the Hudson Guild, married Gary Lowry at Grace Church earlier this year. In attendance were **Charlotta Westergren**, **Leslie Stone** and **Andrea Salwen Kopel**.

But wait, there's more from the land of the nuptials. **Elka Deitsch** was married in March. She's getting a master's degree in decorative arts from the Bard Graduate Center, and works as a senior curator at Congregation Emanu-El in Manhattan. Her husband, George Hambrecht, is getting a Ph.D. in archaeology from the City University of New York Graduate Center.

In March, **Diane Fink Rein** and her husband, David, welcomed a baby girl, Sophia Lily Pearl Rein. She joins her big brothers, Alexander, 5, and Oliver, 2. They bought a house in Great Neck, N.Y., about two years ago. Diane enjoys being a full time mother.

**Jacqueline Croopnick** moved to Newton, Mass., (my hometown) with her husband and son, 1. She now works in an ob/gyn practice at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. **Elizabeth Bruce** teaches English as a Second Language and misses Bacchantae. She encourages e-mail from other Bacchantae members; her e-mail address is available through Alumnae Affairs. **Anna Weiss Charkow** is married to Ben Charkow, and practices law in-house at VNU—Ac Nielsen in New York.

**Junko Nonoyama-Watanabe** writes, "After graduating from Barnard, I returned to Japan and worked mostly for newspapers. I came back to New York two years ago and experienced my husband surviving from the World Trade Center

and hectic life of raising my son, 2. I'm a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, guiding Japanese visitors and doing some freelance writing and translation in arts and culture."

**Lise Svenson Howard** is an assistant professor of government at Wesleyan University and lives in Middletown, Conn., with her husband, Marc, and their daughter, Zoe, 2. **Melissa Met Pol** is an attorney in the legal department of Giesecke & Devrient America, Inc., a multinational high-tech company, based in Munich, Germany, where she specializes in domestic contracts. She has a son, Nicolas, 5, and a daughter, Emma, 3.

**Alyssa Cohen Kaplan** moved back to the New York area after four years in Sharon, Mass. Alyssa, her husband, Joshua, and children, Shmuel, 3, and Tzipora Malka, 1, now live in Highland Park, N.J. She writes, "Shmuel is in school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. I'm home taking care of Tzipora Malka and spending a lot of time at Target decorating our house."

**Sabrina Sacks** opened her own legal search firm, Sacks Legal Search, focusing on the permanent placement of attorneys with law firms and corporations. Before that, she spent four years recruiting for one of Philadelphia's top legal headhunters, and encourages juridically minded Barnard alumnae to contact her if they're looking for new work or looking for new hires. Her contact information is available through Alumnae Affairs.

Ruth, the daughter of Naomi Schmidt '61, was married in April to Dan Toft. Why does this news appear here, you ask? Because I was at the wedding. Although Ruth, my oldest friend, went to Brown, there was notable Barnard representation at the affair, including **Jennifer Cowan's** mother and alumnae from the class of 1961.

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**92** In March, **Catherine McKay** married Alejandro Ariaza in Austin, Texas. She lives in Houston, where she works as a program coordinator for high school reform with the Houston A+ Challenge. She loves the challenging role of helping one of the largest urban school districts in the nation improve its 24 comprehensive high schools. She's involved in everything from teacher professional development and instruction to school leadership and collaboration.

**Grace Malantic Lu** reports on classmate **Melissa Leung's** wedding to Steve

Lee in February at St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia, where she served as a bridesmaid. **Sandra Lee**, **Gwen Lopez Cohen**, and Hildred Machuca attended the wedding, as did Melissa Met Pol '91 with her cute kids, Nikki and Emma, who were ring bearer and flower girl. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii. Melissa is an ophthalmologist working in Chinatown and is also on staff at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Hospital and at Lincoln Hospital.

**Ona Bloom** lives in New Haven, Conn., while working on her postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Cell Biology of Yale School of Medicine.

**Hwa Soon Anchisi** received her Ph.D. in Italian Literature and Language in May 2001. She's now in a tenure track position as assistant professor of Italian at Gettysburg College. After living in New York for 14 years, Hwa had moved to Los Angeles in February 2000 and then Charleston, S.C., before moving to Gettysburg, Pa.

**Janet Alperstein** received a Fulbright fellowship to go to Germany for three weeks in the spring to learn more about the German education system. **Miriam Chung** completed her residency at Yale Primary Care and began her renal fellowship at Cornell in June.

**Dae Levine** finished her MPA with a concentration in electoral policy from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. She started her new job as executive director of Vote for America, a non-partisan nonprofit whose mission is to increase voter turnout. Her husband, Wade Smith, travels frequently for his job as director of marketing for Met Life's international businesses. She writes, "Nonetheless, we have a lot of vacations planned for the summer to celebrate the fact that, for the first time since we got married five years ago, neither of us will be in school!"

**Dahlia Elsayed** had a solo exhibition of paintings at the Jersey City Museum this spring that was favorably reviewed in *The New York Times* and received an ArtsLink grant for a show and project at a gallery in Gdansk, Poland. In the fall, Dahlia has a show at the Johnson & Johnson Corporate headquarters in New Jersey. She writes, "Somewhere in all of this, I got married (June 14!) in New York to artist Andrew Demirjian. When I'm not doing everything else, I teach art in public schools." You can visit her Web site at [www.dahliaelsayed.com](http://www.dahliaelsayed.com).

There are quite a few birth announcements! Peter and **Tamara Kanfer Weisman** had a baby girl in February named Samatha Farrah. **Andrea Lans Donahue** and her husband, Thomas, have a



daughter, Erin Kathryn, born in May. In May, **Caroline (Carrie) Waldron-Brown** and her husband, Brian, and I had a baby girl, Alix Katharine. She reports she already looks good in Barnard colors!

**Ivette Basterrechea** and her husband, Keith Jones, have a new daughter, Eliza Vivienne, born in March. She joins her older sister Annabelle, 5. Ivette has been in Washington, D.C., for 10 years and plans on staying there for the long term, but she says that New York will always be her first home.

In February, **Mangala Narasimhan** and her husband, Michael, had a baby girl, Maya Sarina. Mangala ended her chief residency this spring and will begin her fellowship in pulmonary critical care at Beth Israel Hospital in New York.

**Strawberry Saroyan's** memoir was published year. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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**93** Reunion was wonderful and it was fantastic to catch up with old friends and become reacquainted with new ones. More news to come in the fall issue!

Three years ago, **Alena Villari** quit her job as an assistant vice president at Bankers Trust Private Banking (now Deutsche Bank) in San Francisco, and moved with her husband, Jim Albrecht, to Alaska. They're building a cabin and sauna, and do a lot of salmon fishing and hiking. They plan on splitting their time between Alaska and Philadelphia.

**Atoosa Rubenstein** participated on a panel on body image at Reunion and a panel at Barnard on women in the media (see articles on pages 6 and 10, respectively).

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**94** An e-mail from **Nelly Sta. Maria** arrived just after I had submitted my previous column, so I apologize that it took so long to get her news published. Nelly received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from St. John's University in 2002. She lives in Pittsburgh and works for the University of

Pittsburgh Medical Center in the Eating Disorders Research Program. Nelly was able to connect with other Barnard alums by joining the Barnard Club of Pittsburgh. She'd love to hear from classmates, and her e-mail can be obtained through the Alumnae Affairs office.

**Caralyn Spector** has been living in New York since graduation and working her way up the commercial theater ladder ("with a bit of TV here and there"). This summer, she makes her New York producing debut with a new play entitled "Jump Rope"—a love story with a thriller twist. It opened June 19 at the Daryl Roth at 2 Union Square ("my boss's beautiful, brand new 99-seater"). All New York area classmates who have a chance to see "Jump Rope" should get out there and support Caralyn. And let me know how it went!

There's another new arrival to report—**Sophia Louie Scofield** gave birth to her daughter, Skyler Fong Bien Louie Scofield, in December. "It's wonderful and tiring being a new parent," she writes (many of us can relate, can't we?). Sophia is still working as vice president of corporate affairs at MediNet Biomedical Services, Inc., as she juggles motherhood. She was also kind enough to pass on information about other classmates: **Susanna Seto** is still devoted to her career at Metlife. **Emily Chang** has taken time off from her advertising career and started trading, while Dana Lau is working for an intellectual property law firm and attending law school.

Sophia has lost touch with some other classmates and wouldn't mind reconnecting with them. So, I thought I'd devote—from now until my term expires next year—a small chunk of space to the names of classmates who haven't written in yet or who are considered "missing." You have to let me know who you want to hear from, though. For this time around, it's **Alexis Blackmer**, **Rosanna Lee**, and **Elizabeth McDonough**! Please

send us an update of where you are, and what you're doing!

**Amy Hassinger's** book was published. See "Books, etc." (page 15). I'm only going to be the correspondent for one more year, and I'd really love to hear from everyone. Have a great summer!

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**95** **Maria Vomvolakis** graduated in June from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev M.D. Program in International Health and Medicine in collaboration with Columbia University Health Sciences. Maria will begin a residency in pediatrics at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center in Manhattan.

Sculptures by **Ann Hirsch** were on exhibition in Brooklyn. See "Books, etc." (page 15).

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**96** **Debbie Malka Friedman** married her husband, Scott, in November 2001. They live in Denver and their son, Ari Yaakov, was born in September 2002. Debbie is the director of the Hillel at the University of Colorado.

**Tiffany Gunhold** now lives in London and is the vice president of risk management and advisory at a global investment bank. She writes, "I miss Manhattan but maybe I will be back some day ... then again, maybe I'll just keep getting further from Montana."

**Jeanne Fromer** and her husband, Arnaud, have a baby boy, Eric Simon. Jeannie finished Harvard Law School in June and is now a first-year associate at the firm, Hale and Dorr, in the intellectual property department. Next year, she'll clerk for Judge Robert Sack on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, a federal appellate court in Manhattan.

**Candace Rechtschaffen Gillhoolley**, was promoted to assistant manager of catalog sales in the special markets division of Holtzbrinck Publishers/St. Martin's Press in New York. She writes, "I've been working in the Flatiron Building and love my office, which has a nice view of Fifth Avenue. I still live in Brooklyn with my husband, Sean (of over 5 years), and our three kittens." Candace also recently created a Web site, [www.rechtschaffen.com](http://www.rechtschaffen.com), in honor of her late father, Dr. Rudolph Rechtschaffen (CC '58) who passed away

## GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

We'd love to spread the news—once it's official. Please let your class correspondent know by dropping her a line or sending her an announcement or newspaper clipping so *Barnard* can tell your classmates ... and the world!

# IN MEMORIAM

## Celine Greenebaum Marcus '30

Celine Greenebaum Marcus died in May at the age of 93. She was executive director of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association for 23 years before she retired in 1982. During her tenure at the organization, she contributed to establishing a network of social services in the neighborhood. Celine was a member of Community Board No. 8 in Manhattan, and was also a founder of the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, which provides shelter and assistance for the city's homeless population.

Celine is survived by two sisters, two daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

## Dorothy Rasch Senie '31

Dorothy Rasch Senie passed away in June, after a long and valiant battle against cancer. In 1994, Dorothy moved into Manhattan from Bayside, Queens, where she'd lived for almost 60 years. The late Else Zorn Taylor '31 was Dorothy's classmate, and a longtime worker at Everybody's Thrift Shop, and was always looking for new thrift shop worker. She suggested to Dorothy that she try working once a week at the thrift shop. A close friendship developed—and once a week became twice a week and Saturdays.

Dorothy also devoted herself to Barnard, acting as president for the Class of 1931, from 1996 through 2001. She often participated in phonathons and attended many campus events.

Dorothy was a very special friend. Her sense of humor, wit, loyalty, and the twinkle in her eyes were endearing. I'm delighted that our paths in life crossed. Dorothy was very special and will be missed by all who knew her.

—Nanette Hodgman Hayes '40

in 1998. She stays in regular contact with **Kira Willig**, **Jessica Margolis Hamermesh** and **Jessica Bloch**. Candace writes, "I want to send a shout out to all my peeps!" She'd love to hear from other classmates, and her e-mail address can be obtained through Alumnae Affairs.

**Laura Vale** and Scott Michael Moore were married in January in San Antonio, Texas. Laura is a third-year law student at the University of Texas.

I've been working with my husband, Rob, on his Web site, [www.cycle-disciple.com](http://www.cycle-disciple.com), which provides news and analy-

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**97 Rachel Kaufman** moved to New Haven, Conn., where she's an associate veterinarian in a small animal practice.

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- 44 Jean Nunn Tunis, Feb. 28, 2003
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- 45 Willa Babcock Folch-Pi, Nov. 16, 2002
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- 48 Marjorie Lincoln, Dec. 1, 2000
- 48 Beatrice Bassi Lister, May 16, 2003
- 48 Anne Zabriskie Noble, March 22, 2003
- 48 Harriet Berg Schwartz, March 30, 2003
- 49 Marcia McMichael Darlington, April 7, 2003
- 50 Adele Estrin Stein, Sept. 7, 2002
- 52 Barbara Seaman Freestone, Jan. 17, 2003
- 53 Krista Braun-Michel, Jan. 1, 1997
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- 55 Patricia Wing Whitaker, March 21, 2003
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- 60 Margaret MacBain Fay, May 12, 2003
- 61 Virginia Combothekras, April 21, 2003
- 63 Carol Rosenfeld, Dec. 23, 2002
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- 65 Virginia Morley, Feb. 27, 2003
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- 78 Hope Rosenbaum, March 16, 2003
- 83 Angelina Fung, Aug. 28, 1996
- 97 Alexis Rubenstein, Aug. 20, 2002

**Sarah White** lives in Washington, D.C., and is in her first year of a clinical psychology program at George Washington University.

**Anne Marie Chaker** is a reporter at *The Wall Street Journal*. She was married last May to fellow Journal reporter, Jess Bravin. They're living happily in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. She'd love to hear from former classmates and her e-mail address can be found through Alumnae Affairs.

**Sarah Meyer** reports that **Jacqueline Donnelly** is starting a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Duke in the fall. **Melissa (Missy) LoPorto** is applying



to a joint master's program in special education and social work from Bank Street and Columbia, and Carin Abrahamsohn '96 was promoted to being a manager at KPMG, and spends her time between San Francisco and Seattle.

**Talin Sesetyan** was promoted in November 2002 to global accounts manager. Jeanny Silva is finishing up her MBA at New York University's Stern School of Business and will then work at S&P. Thank you all for contacting me and letting me know your news!

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**98 Courtney Greene** is director of alumni relations and a dorm parent at her alma mater, Walnut Hill, an independent performing arts high school in Natick, Mass. Last summer, she and **Alexandra (Ali) Sherman** attended the wedding of **Maura Maglione** to Rob Holloway in Newburyport, Mass.

**Deanna Conrad** finished her second year of law school at Case Western University. Sarah White returned from London, where she has lived and worked for the past two years. She and her longtime boyfriend, Greg, plan to move to Boston. Sarah keeps in touch with **Laura Newmark** and looks forward to spending time with her over the summer.

**Rebekah Adams Kaplowitz** and her husband, Mark, welcomed their daughter, Ruth, to the world in March. That same month, **Elise Choukroun Miller** and her husband, Ari, welcomed their first child, Pearl. Elise and Ari will be celebrating their fourth wedding anniversary in October. Elise has also been working since early last year as a computer networking technician at an information technology consulting firm outside of Philadelphia. In the fall, Elise will begin a master's program in information systems at Drexel University.

In June, **Susan Kovsky** graduated from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev M.D. Program in International Health and Medicine, in collaboration with Columbia University Health Sciences. Having studied international health and medicine in Israel, Ethiopia, and New York, Susan looks forward to joining the Albert Einstein-Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx as a first-year resident, where she'll pursue a track in women's health.

After earning a master's degree from Columbia School of Journalism, **Daphne Sashin** is living in Williamsburg, Va., and writing for *The Daily Press* in Newport

News, Va. Daphne's work has also been published in *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *the Chicago Tribune*, and *Barnard*. Previously, she worked at wsj.com, and *Parents*.

#### 5TH REUNION: JUNE 3-JUNE 6, 2004

**99** Hi everyone! Just wanted to remind you that we're less than a year away from our 5th reunion! Can you believe it?! Thanks again for the updates and Keep them coming!

After graduating, **Janae Lepir** spent a little over a year at KPMG Consulting in New York as a public services analyst. From there, she moved on to Datamonitor, a small market research firm, covering consumer markets for U.S. clients. Janae left Datamonitor in August 2002, after spending the summer abroad in Datamonitor's London headquarters, to begin law school at George Washington University. She enjoys law school, but anxiously looks forward to returning to New York when she graduates. Janae visited New York in February, and she caught up with a bunch of fellow Barnard and Columbia alums, and was glad to see everyone doing so well.

After working in Web design for the past three years, **Evelyn Chan** has returned to school to pursue a career in acupuncture and Chinese herbology. She hopes to reconnect with friends she has lost touch with since leaving Barnard. If you'd like to reach her, contact Alumnae Affairs.

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**00 Lara Akgul** begins her MBA this fall at McGill University. She plans to spend the summer traveling and taking language classes on the French Riviera.

**Annie Bergen** is taking advantage of the newly reorganized Barnard Club of Boston and finds her Barnard connections continues to be a source of pride. She works at Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. She's also writing an article for the fifth volume of *Notable American Women* (Harvard University Press), a biographical dictionary, and will begin a master's degree in modern history at Oxford in October.

After a stint teaching English in Japan, **Julia Cheiffetz** now has her feet back on

the ground in New York. She works in the editorial department of Ballantine Books (Random House) and was thrilled last fall when her boss published *No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women*, by Estelle Freedman '69. Last summer Julia and her boyfriend moved into a brownstone in Fort Greene.

**Regina DeCicco** lives in New York and works as the design assistant for "Saturday Night Live" on NBC. After two years as the executive assistant to composer Philip Glass, **Rachel Grundfast** will return to Columbia this fall to in the master's program in arts administration at Teachers College.

After graduating from Barnard, **Sumi Gupta** spent two years as an investment banker at J.P. Morgan. She finished her first year at Fordham University's Graduate School of Business and is majoring in finance and marketing.

**Allison Herman** graduated in May with a master's in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. That same month, she married Keith Beaulieu, a fourth-year medical student at Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. She hopes to find an associate pastor position after her husband begins his residency.

**Olga Magidina** has been working at the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Columbia and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology.

**Jessica Pagan** is still in New York, working as the creative development coordinator at Richard Frankel Productions, for on and off-Broadway shows. This summer, she's coordinating a summer benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with a play written by Zuzanna Szadkowski '01.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Stephanie Schneider Minkove**, who became a mom in October! She and her husband, Shachar Minkove, are the proud parents of Daniel Max.

Our class president, **Trina Sears**, completed her final semester of law school at Northeastern University in the spring, and plans to move back to Alaska next year to begin a judicial clerkship with the Anchorage Superior Court. **Taren Spearman** also completed her last year of law school at Columbia. In the fall, she will join Fulbright & Jaworski as an associate in the corporate law department. During her last year in law school, Taren interned at Sony Music, which has further fueled her desire to become an entertainment lawyer.

**Junea Williams** graduated from New York University School of Law in May and will join Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft this fall. She's looking forward to moving back to her hometown, Newark, N.J., where she'll work on various juvenile rights and education initiatives.

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**01 Sharon Kim**, has been busy traveling to Korea, China, Spain, and Mexico and working for Nextel Communications. Sharon is in Boston, where she's enrolled in an education and social work graduate program at Boston University.

**Kirath Raj** works as a legal assistant at Shearman & Sterling, and is on the sixth consecutive year with her first-year roommate, **Jennifer Barsky**. Kirath spent a few weeks this summer traveling in Italy before heading to Boston to attend law school in the fall.

In May, **Milena Perez** and **Angelisa Alers** took a break from their publishing and music industry jobs to vacation in Argentina. **Chaitali Kapadia** will take a trip to India this September. **Maria Kassimatis** finished her second year of teaching Italian in Long Island, N.Y., and is spending her summer vacation in Italy and Greece. **Jordanna Coelho** moved to London for the summer to intern in the field of genetic counseling. **Hee-Jung Hwang** lives in Seattle and works for Wells Fargo Bank, and **Sophia Valiotis** finished her second year at Brooklyn Law School. All of this news is courtesy of **Kayla Rosenberg**, who'll be attending law school this fall.

**Heather White** is spending the summer rehearsing a production of "Singin' in the Rain," which she'll be performing September 6 through 21 at Hofstra University.

After working as an environmental consultant at PBS&J in Beltsville, Md., **Christine Senne** worked in the Orange County, Fla., office of Jeb Bush for Governor. She spent the rest of the year as a legislative assistant at Young, van Assenderp, Varnadoe & Anderson, and will enter Florida State University College of Law in August. She lives in Tallahassee, and would love to meet with other Barnard alums in the area.

**Abbie Yamamoto** will be returning home for the summer to Tsukuba, Japan, to finish her master's thesis. In the fall, she'll take a break from her Ph.D. program in Japanese literature at Berkeley to study Korean in Seoul. She hopes to finish the academic year in Korea, but would love to return to live in New York.

**Aimee Sklar** finished her second year at New York Law School, and is working this summer at the legal department of the NYC Department of Transportation. Since August 2002, Aimee has been living one floor above **Jyoti Menon** in Manhat-

tan. "It's like the dorms all over again!" she writes.

**Victoria Sander** is still in Dublin playing violin, teaching art and music classes, and giving private violin lessons to support her artistic endeavors. She writes, "Life over here is always 'grand' according to the Irish, and the relaxed attitude is a good balance for all the striving New York/Barnard inspired in me!" She hopes to visit Italy with her mother this summer as well as visiting friends through Europe.

**Alicia Stern** will graduate in November from the University of Westminster Diplomatic Academy of London Paris Programme, in Paris, with a master's degree in diplomatic studies. She also received a diploma from the Sorbonne, for completing the first semester of the French language and civilization program. In addition, Alicia interns as a trade assistant in commercial service at the U.S. embassy in Paris.

**Lisa Kostur** travels between Paris and Budapest, dancing with the French/Hungarian Compagnie Pal Frenak. Lisa would love to get in touch with any alumnae in the Paris or Budapest area, and her contact information is listed in the online directory at [www.barnard.edu/alum](http://www.barnard.edu/alum).

**Maria Mejia** is a systems consultant for Community IT Innovators, which provides technical support for local nonprofits and small businesses. Maria lives in Washington, D.C., and is spending her free time this summer playing kickball, one of many great summertime D.C. traditions. She reports that **Alyssa Boxhill** and **Lyndsey McKee** are also in the D.C. area.

After teaching kindergarten in Compton, Calif., for the last two years through Teach for America, **Erica Wagner** completed her master's in elementary education and plans to continue teaching at the same school. Erica also wrote for a federal grant to improve literacy resources at her school, and said that if that federal funding is granted, "next year will be very busy but really exciting!" **Rebecca Cole** has spent the past two years at Prudential Financial, and just completed the management training program for human resources.

**Katherine Delaney** married Dan Beard in May, and they purchased their first home in Seattle. They spent their honeymoon in France and returned to their new home in July. Dan is a professor of bioengineering at the University of Washington and Kate continues to work at Tyee Asset Strategies. Congratulations to Kate and Dan!

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**02** Thanks to everyone who came to our first reunion! One year already? How time flies!

**Jill Wilen** has left her job in film public relations and is moving from New York to Washington, D.C., to attend George Washington for a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

**Collette Karnovsky** works at McCann-Erickson Advertising in New York, in account management on the Labatt Beer account. She helps with the strategy, creation, planning, and marketing of the advertisements for Rolling Rock, Stella Artois, Labatt Blue, and Dos Equis Beers. Collette writes, "I'm really enjoying this job and although I didn't exactly graduate with a major in marketing or advertising, my psychology major and art history minor have actually proven to be very useful within the advertising field and I'm excited to accelerate within this industry."

**Toby Goldstein** is an assistant at Escada in the marketing department. **Jessica Brescia** completed her first year of law school at American University (where she made the law review) and is working this summer at the Department of Justice in the office of international affairs, criminal division. Jess also found time to participate in the summer abroad law school program in Dublin, Ireland.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Sedlis** is going to Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons in the fall. Before she buries herself away at school, she's heading down to Costa Rica for a month to practice her Spanish.

**Irina Kalamakis** is finishing her dissertation for her master's degree in European literature at Oxford University.

**Allison Baker, Eva Lipner, Courtney Martin, Kelly McCoy, Yana Pikman, Aliza Reicher, and Sharon Schechter** met up in May for Indian food and a laughter-filled reunion of their Sulzberger Tower suite (they missed **Melissa Zinaman**, busy with law review, and **Alexandra Rankin MacGill**). The evening was filled with talk of weddings, the ins and outs of law work (Allison, Aliza, and Kelly are all working in law firms), and the field of medicine (Yana finished her first year at Harvard Medical School and Sharon is pursuing a medical career). The evening wound down after Courtney convinced the group to travel to a bar where **Kate Levitt** was spinning. The rest is history.

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Ani, Vinnie, and their classmates follow in the inspirational footsteps of Barnard women like Dr. Jacqueline Kapelman Barton '74, MacArthur fellow and professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology; and a Barnard trustee; Dr. Alison Estabrook '74, chief of breast surgery at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center; Dr. Helene Gayle '76, director of HIV, TB and reproductive health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and an outstanding panelist at our summit; and Dr. Nieca Goldberg '79, chief of cardiac rehabilitation and prevention and of the Women's Heart Program at Lenox Hill Hospital, and the author of the groundbreaking book, *Women Are Not Small Men: Life-Saving Strategies for Preventing and Healing Heart Disease in Women* (The Random House Publishing Group, 2003).

Our curriculum has long demanded that, in addition to fulfilling the science requirement, each student also complete two courses in physical education and health, and students today choose from a host of activities in land and aquatic sports, mind/body disciplines, muscular strength and endurance training, and studio dance. Complementing this part of the curriculum is the extracurricular Well-Woman program, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in the past academic year. Well-Woman offers workshops on nutrition, stress management, sexuality, and other subjects of special concern to young women. It also trains student volunteers as peer educators on health issues, publishes a popular informational newsletter, holds health-awareness events, and sponsors "wellness communities" in the residence halls.

Recently, thanks to the efforts of a

visionary peer educator, Tonysha Taylor '04, Well-Woman extended its influence beyond the immediate Barnard community. Tonysha worked with an after-school program to bring other Barnard peer educators to a Harlem public school, where they have spoken to local teenagers about nutrition and exercise, male and female reproductive health, body changes related to puberty, and safer sex.

The tremendous sense of pride I felt when we hosted the summit is matched daily by my pride in young women like Ani, Vinnie, and Tonysha, in the alumnae who have made a global difference in medicine and scientific research, and in the teachers and administrators who make a Barnard education possible. As Vinnie said about the summit: "It was a great, eye-opening experience, and I couldn't see it happening anywhere but Barnard." ☒

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phenomenal—the best professor I've had." Pomrenze, who worked for MSNBC in Uzbekistan and ran a youth center in Minsk, Belarus, before attending Columbia, is now considering a minor in Russian regional studies.

His enthusiasm is shared by classmate Laila Shetty '03. "It's what I expected and more," she says. "I've learned so much from all the readings. Professor Marten's knowledge is amazing, and she's always there when I need help. And when the war in Iraq broke out, she took the time to talk about the war in relation to Russia." Each student is required to write a paper that focuses on specific policies of Russia today, comparing them to seemingly similar policies of a past era, and Shetty's paper compared Russian intelligence services in the Putin era to those under

Lenin. The 61 students in last semester's class ranged from first-years to seniors, with majors ranging from political science to art history.

Chronologically and thematically, the course is organized around four frameworks of political science. In the early weeks, "The Role of (Selected) Individual Leadership" serves as the framework for classes on history-making tsars, Bolsheviks, and post-Soviet presidents. Next, the Soviet and post-Soviet eras are re-examined through the framework "Economic Ideology and the West." "Nationalism in Russia" is the third framework, and the last is "Russian Security and the West Today."

In a class in mid-April, Marten lectured on nationalism and the conflict in Chechnya, using a regional map projected above the blackboard in Lehman Auditorium in Altschul Hall. To clarify the region's history and geography, Marten pointed to the map often as she delved into Chechen culture and religion, the Chechen economy, and centuries of Chechen conflict with Russia. She concluded her lecture by asking the students whether nationalism had triggered Russia's war against Chechnya, and a lively discussion ensued.

"I really have fun in this class. Barnard students are a joy to teach. They follow current events, they enjoy being challenged, and they're so responsive," says Marten, who has been teaching the course since she arrived at the College in 1997. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the associate director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University, Marten recently completed a book about the politics of peacekeeping. ☒

# Not on My Watch

**I had no idea of the consequences or long-term implications of filing a discrimination complaint in 1995 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To do nothing in a system that undervalued my intellectual contribution and subjected me to**

racial and sexual insults wasn't an option. My years at Barnard and later at MIT hadn't trained me to accept second-class citizenship. I felt like an intruder since men were clearly in charge at the EPA—despite having a woman head the agency. After I returned from maternity leave, I was informed that a man with less qualifications would be my supervisor. When I questioned the fairness of that decision, the response was, "How do you intend to compete with men when you make a conscious decision to have a baby?"

My troubles intensified when I reported that an American company was poisoning African workers and their families with toxic waste. I was removed from the Clinton administration's foreign policy program with South Africa and my efforts to conduct an investigation were stifled. At work, senior officials hurled racial epithets at me; at home, I received threatening phone calls. Nevertheless, I refused to turn a blind eye to innocent victims simply because they were African and poor. I organized and led an independent team of medical doctors who paid their own way to investigate the crisis.

In 2000, a federal jury found the EPA guilty of discrimination and creating a hostile work environment. My case moved two senior members of Congress to introduce the Notification of Federal Employees Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act.

The No FEAR Act requires federal agencies to pay all settlements and judgments for discrimination from their own budgets. It contains reporting requirements that will help determine whether a pattern of misconduct exists within an agency and whether that agency is taking action to address it. It requires that employees and managers be notified of their rights and responsibilities. And it strengthens protections for

whistle-blowers, who are often forced to choose between remaining silent about a dangerous or illegal situation and risking their careers by telling the truth.

Working under the umbrella of the No FEAR Coalition, hundreds of individuals and organizations worked tirelessly for the Act's passage.

Against all odds, both the House and Senate unanimously approved the Act. On May 15, 2002, I watched President George W. Bush sign the Act, which *Time* called "the first civil rights bill of the 21st century." The road to the White House was strewn with people who were fired for challenging the status quo and stressed into premature illnesses, and whose spirits were broken under the weight of retaliatory work conditions. Seeing the president sign the No FEAR Act reminded me of Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "Letter from a Birmingham, Alabama, Jail," in which he reminds his detractors that he'd come to Birmingham because there was injustice. Similarly, I'd come to the White House because there was injustice in the federal workplace.

Although federal agencies will start to enforce the No FEAR Act on October 1, effective outreach, monitoring, and control measures must be put in place. Empowerment of people victimized by discrimination is at the core of the No Fear Institute, which I invite you to support as you embrace your Birmingham, Ala., moment. ☒

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*Marsha Coleman-Adebayo '74, Ph.D., is chairwoman of the No Fear Institute ([www.coleman-adebayo.org](http://www.coleman-adebayo.org)) and works in the EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic Substances. She is the 2003 grand prize recipient of the Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government and was featured on the Barnard Web site as an "Alumna in Action" ([www.barnard.edu/alum/action](http://www.barnard.edu/alum/action)).*



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Professor Julius S. Held in his office, Milbank Hall, ca. 1936. See Mortaboard, 1937, p. 14.  
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